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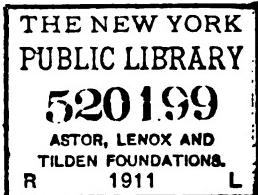
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PHIS IN THE NATIONAL CONGRESS.

In the senate and the house of representatives of the United States of America, there is no official scorer who gives out a "dope-sheet" of "Who's Who" according to fraternities. We shall therefore not attempt any comparisons with other fraternities, but simply tell our readers of the Phis in the present congress—the congress that has been over-working itself all summer making a new tariff law for the dear people.

In the senate we have at present only one member, the junior senator from Florida. On the very day of taking his oath Senator Fletcher successfully locked horns with "The senator from Rhode Island" in a parliamentary debate. He has actively participated in the discussions of the new tariff law and his ability has been recognized in his appointment to the committee of the District of Columbia, on Fisheries and on six other committees of less importance. Senator Fletcher is president of the Atlantic Coast Inland Water-Ways Association and is very active in Southern commercial organizations. He is a close student and is always on the qui vive for the advancement of anything connected with the progress of Florida. In the October, 1908, SCROLL appeared a biographical sketch and portrait of Brother Fletcher.

In the house we have a half score of men, of whom eight are in the ranks of the minority to which belong no rights or privileges. Theirs is the humble task to criticise, insinuate, prophesy, and endeavor to see the writing on the wall.

Among Phis now serving in congress Hon. Joseph V. Graff of the sixteenth district of Illinois took his seat first, having been elected to the 54th congress. "The Gentleman from Illinois" did not hold any political office before coming to Washington. Having been on the committees on accounts, on agriculture, and chairman of the committee on claims he is now a member of the committees on education and appropriations. He has served his constituents faithfully and has been



GEORGE WASHINGTON PRINCE, *Knox*, '78.
Congressman from Illinois.



(Photo by Harris & Ewing, Washington.)
JOSEPH VERDELLETTE GKAFF, *Wabash*, '76.
Congressman from Illinois.

in a position to care for their interests. Brother Graff has a son, Brother Joseph R. Graff, *Dartmouth*, '08. Both are known to the Phis in Washington and the former has addressed alumni club banquets, where he is always a most welcome visitor.

Brother George W. Prince was elected to the 54th Congress from the fifteenth district of Illinois. Before serving in congress he was county attorney, member of the legislature and chairman of the county Republican committee. Brother Prince has served as chairman of the committee on Levees and Improvement of the Mississippi River and is ranking member of the committee on Banking and Currency, is chairman of the committee on Claims and a member of Military Affairs. He is now touring the islands of the Hawaiian group getting information about matters that will be under his supervision in congressional legislation. He has three sons who are Phis, Brothers Frederick A. Prince, *Knox*, '06; George W. Prince, Jr., *Knox*, '08, and Henry Prince, *Knox*, '11. A few years ago his work to have the graves of confederate soldiers on northern soil properly marked gave representatives from Dixie Land an opportunity to vote for a measure, which otherwise could not have been passed, and the good services of Brother Prince will be remembered most appreciatively.

The Cracker State set herself to outstrip Illinois and sent three Phis to the 55th Congress. Judge Wm. M. Howard, a graduate of the University of Georgia, was elected from the eighth district. After beginning his law practice at Lexington, he was elected solicitor general. Brother Howard is the ranking member of the committees on Foreign Affairs, and on Library and is a member of the board of regents of The Smithsonian Institute. He is a man of a few words and his wise counsel was constantly sought by the former leader of the minority during the filibuster of the 60th Congress.

Judge Wm. G. Brantley of Brunswick came to congress from the 11th district of Georgia. He attended the University of Georgia, later studying law in the office of a former congressman. He served in both houses of the state legislature, and after two terms as prosecuting attorney for the Brunswick circuit was promoted to congress, where he has steadily risen in the ranks of his party, being on the Judiciary Committee and ranking minority member of the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings. Being a close student and a deep thinker



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JAMES MATTHEWS GRIGGS, *Vanderbilt*, '81.
Congressman from Georgia.



WILLIAM MARCELLUS HOWARD, *Georgia*, '77.
Congressman from Georgia.



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JAMES GORDON LEE, *Emory*, '80.

Congressman from Georgia.



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WILLIAM GORDON BRANTLEY, *Georgia*, '81.

Congressman from Georgia.

Judge Brantley's advice is sought by the leading members of his party in congress. The recent legislation in connection with the penal code regulating interstate shipments of intoxicating liquors was first suggested by a bill he introduced in the first session of the sixtieth congress, others may be credited with this legislation but the original idea was his. His address on the Sherman anti-trust law before the 1908 session of the Kentucky Bar Association was a masterly treatment of this broad subject and was a credit to its author.

Hon. James M. Griggs, in his home called Judge Griggs, and sometimes in the newspapers called "Grim Jiggs," entered the fifty-fifth congress. He has served on the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and other committees and is now on the Ways and Means (Tariff) Committee and was one of the tariff conferees of the house from the minority side. In 1904 and again in 1906 he was chairman of the Democratic congressional campaign committee always being an active energetic worker for his district and party.

A son of Georgia was elected to the 57th Congress from the third congressional district of the Lone Star state. Judge Gordon Russell, who was a prominent debater while attending the University of Georgia, moved to Texas, was elected county judge for Smith County, resigned to practice but was later elected district attorney and later judge. In congress he has served on the committees on Territories and is now a member of the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. When the rate bill was under discussion in the house his speech was admittedly one of the most thorough discussions of that deep subject. In debating Judge Russell often tells some anecdote to illustrate his point the more clearly. During the past winter a colleague was endeavoring to lead him by a circuitous argument, when Judge Russell said "the gentleman reminds me of a man who argued by the Socratic method, by which he would prove that a sheet of writing paper was a lazy dog, a sheet of writing paper is an ink lined plane, an inclined plane is a slope up, and a slow pup is a lazy dog."

Since the 57th Congress each new congress has seen another Phi. Hon. Thomas W. Hardwick was the addition to the 58th Congress. Before coming to Washington he was a member of the state legislature. He is a member of the committee on Election of the President, Vice President and Representatives in Congress, and of other committees. Brother Hardwick is one of the lieutenants of Champ Clark, minority leader. He is



THOMAS WILLIAM HARDWICK, *Mercer*, '90.
Congressman from Georgia.



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MARTIN ANDREW MORRISON BUTLER, '83.
Congressman from Indiana.

one of the firm believers in the justice of and necessity for repealing the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments and has made strong arguments on the floor of the house for such action. In the railway firemens strike in Georgia this spring the white Firemen selected Brother Hardwick as their representative on the board of arbitrators.

The Hon. Gordon Lee of Chicamauga, Ga., has for two terms represented the seventh Georgia district in congress and is now beginning his third term. Brother Lee lives near the historic battlefield in the Cumberland mountains in a large Southern home where he frequently entertains house parties and each summer invites all of his constituents to attend a barbecue. From many miles around the people travel to attend these famous festivals. Mr. Lee is all that one would expect from a Gordon and also from a Lee. His record in congress has been one of independent action and diligent service to the interests and welfare of his constituents, having served on various committees and now being on the committee on Agriculture. He has announced his intention to retire from public life upon the completion of his present term, but some of his people say that he must be sent higher up. Should he ask for a well deserved promotion we wish him all possible success.

Born in Mississippi, educated in that state and in Georgia, Judge Rufus Hardy moved to Texas, settling in the district which he now represents in our national legislature. Before this he served as county attorney, district attorney and district judge. He is a member of the committees on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; Railways and Canals and Reforms in the Civil Service. His re-election to the sixty-first Congress shows that his work has been satisfactory to the people he represents.

In THE SCROLL for February, 1909, appeared a sketch and portrait of our newest congressman, Hon. Martin A. Morrison, Democrat—from the ninth district of Indiana. Mr. Morrison defeated Hon. Chas. Landis, who had for twelve years defeated all candidates for this honorable position. In Washington Brother Morrison has been constant and attentive to tariff work, but so short has been his service that his career here is just begun. Later he will be heard from in the halls of our national legislative body.

These national legislators are diligent workers, able men and honorable representatives for their respective constituencies. Φ Δ Θ is proud of her distinguished sons.

ROBERT N. SOMERVILLE. *Mississippi, '07.*



JAMES GORDON RUSSELL, *Georgia*, '78.
Congressman from Texas.



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RUFUS HARDY, *Georgia*, 75.
Congressman from Texas.

THE CHAPTER HOUSE AND ITS EFFECT ON THE FRATERNITY.

A notable article on this subject appeared in the *Δ Y Quarterly* for March, 1909. The writer was Edward E. McDermott, Δ Y, Northwestern, '85, a professor of elocution and oratory in the University of Minnesota. He collected data which show that, during the last twenty years, a great change has taken place in the activities which most interest college students. The relative places that these activities held in the minds of fraternity men were reversed, as indicated below:

1886.	1906.
1. Scholarship,	1. Social distinction,
2. Oratory and debate,	2. Athletic honors,
3. Literary distinction,	3. Literary distinction,
4. Athletic honors,	4. Scholarship,
5. Social mention.	5. Oratory and debate.

Professor McDermott concludes that "Scholarship is declining and social life rising in the fraternities," this tendency surprising as it may seem, being more pronounced in the west than in the east. Referring to the university in which he was a professor, he says:

Interest in debate and oratory in western universities is probably greater than ever before, but the honors are no longer going to fraternity men.

In the last twelve years but one fraternity man has represented the University of Minnesota in an intercollegiate oratorical contest, and but five in intercollegiate debate, although twenty-one such honors have been awarded in the former and eighty-one in the latter. Eighteen years ago the fraternity men were taking *all* the honors in this line.

The secretaries' records show that but two fraternity men were admitted to Φ B K in 1905 at the University of Minnesota, and one in 1906 or 1907, although a total of 44 men were so honored in these three years. Two is 4.5 per cent of 44—not a large percentage of honors for the fraternity men to gather in, surely.

This is not because the fraternities at Minnesota have a poorer grade of men than other western universities have. Exact figures are not at hand to probe this point, but I am confident that such is not the case. Nor is it because fraternity men have not the capacity for scholarship. As a rule, they have the advantage of brains, wealth (sometimes too much), and social polish when they come to the university.

They simply lack the desire for scholarship because we, the alumni, have failed to hold up to our younger brothers the fact that scholarship is *one* of the things for which a man comes to college.

Of course, we can pass the matter by and say complaisantly that "We do not care for Φ B K. It is an empty honor anyhow. We are getting things of greater value." But will parents continue to believe us indefinitely? Will the public—whose good opinion we covet because we want its best young men—will the public believe us? Will it not think this is another case of "sour grapes?"

Whether we think it a wise or unwise policy to call attention to this fact we may be sure that it will not long escape notice by the ambitious young men who come to our universities. Such things have an unpleasant way of "leaking out." The safest way for us is not to try to conceal a bit of damaging evidence, but admit it frankly and then promptly adopt a policy that will eliminate it.

Professor McDermott says that, not infrequently, "The 'smart' fraternity man refers contemptuously to the good student as a 'shark' or a 'grind,' as though it were almost a disgrace to do one's work well." He further says:

It is not contended here that possession of $\Phi\ B\ K$ is an unfailing indication of scholarship. By no means. It is frequently and truthfully remarked that the $\Phi\ B\ K$ man is often a mere book-worm and is lost sight of promptly after commencement. But it is contended that the men who stand well up in their classes are the ones who, as a rule, are obtaining the best mental discipline. And it is contended, further, that mental discipline is more essential today than ever before. The problems in legislation, in the legal profession, in engineering and other technical lines, call for trained minds.

Professor McDermott contends that "the decline in scholarship and consequent rise of lighter substitutes" is due to three causes. The first of these is "the absence of personal and daily contact between student and instructor," on which point he says:

This absence of daily contact between student and instructor is due very largely to the unprecedented growth of American universities. The last quarter of a century has been pre-eminently a period of great university building. These institutions have become great machines—almost as soulless as the corporations—which have no time for individuals, ruthlessly crush down those who can not take care of themselves and allow the socially inclined to live a butterfly life.

Parents make a mistake who trust that the modern faculty stands *in loco parentis*, as did the faculty of the small ecclesiastical college half a century ago. Its members are absorbed in research work, lectures to large numbers of students, and administrative detail. They would not if they could, and they could not if they would exercise the constant care over the individual student that was practically guaranteed to parents who sent their sons to college in those early days.

These larger institutions offer great opportunity—for strength and for weakness. They allow the strong to become stronger and the weak to grow weaker.

Even the smaller colleges have trebled and often quadrupled their numbers without increasing their teaching force in the same proportion. They lack the necessary funds.

Second among the causes of the decline in scholarship is "the unlimited introduction of electives and culture courses," in which courses "the professor is expected to do all the studying and reciting, and his student all the listening and criticising." On this point Professor McDermott says:

There is an old-fashioned notion, pretty well exploded now, that the way to develop the mind is to apply it vigorously five or six hours every day, six days every week, and nine months every year during four years, to subjects that demand concentration—such as mathematics, Greek, Latin, physics and philosophy.

The new attitude toward study is admirably expressed by a motto which is said to be prominently displayed in the private rooms of nearly every student in a well-known girl's college in the east—"Don't let your college work interfere with your college life!" And again it is expressed by a remark which I recently overheard one student make to another, "These confounded studies take so much of a man's time!"—as though the chief business of the student were to amuse himself, and anything which stood in the way of this was an intolerable nuisance.

The modern idea seems to be that if a man is entertained by interesting lectures for three hours a day and spends the remainder of his time in class scraps and cane rushes; fraternity, class and intercollegiate games of football, baseball, basketball, tennis, golf, hockey, bowling and curling; glee, mandolin, brass band and other musical and dramatic clubs, cosmopolitan and metropolitan associations, and other "student interests" *ad infinitum*, and then, with a pot of black coffee at his side, and a wet towel around his head, at the close of the semester, crams up for a week to "get by" his bothersome quizzes, he will come out with a well-trained mind, capable of solving the difficult problems of the most complex civilization the world has ever known.

To say the least, it does not seem quite orthodox to one trained in the old way.

Professor McDermott inquires: "Is it not possible that a third and contributory cause of the decline in scholarship is found in the modern chapter house, which furnishes such a comfortable home-life among congenial spirits and offers such abundant opportunity for dissipation of time and energy?" He says the fraternities have grown into "a respected institution, with a membership, graduate and undergraduate, of over 186,-000;" that they have nearly 1000 chapters, of which 700 own or rent houses. He inquires again: "Has this home life—which has undoubtedly come to stay—been beneficial or harmful to the fraternity as a whole and to its individual members?"

To gather facts for an intelligent answer to this question, he issued circular letters containing inquiries in regard to the influence of chapter house life on members of fraternities. These circulars were sent to members of eleven fraternities, and some of the responses are startling. One hundred and ten responses, or 75 per cent of those received, placed "waste of time" as the most serious effect of students living in chapter houses. Other answers from students admitted such dangerous tendencies as: "Exclusiveness;" "clannishness;" "selfishness;" "snobbishness;" "serious dissipation;" "running into debt;" "temptation to drink and gamble;" "fraternities are too often exclusively

dancing and smoking clubs;" "smoking, playing cards and telling coarse stories for two or three hours at the stretch."

Professor McDermott says that "the frank statements" of active members of fraternities, "as to the dangers and disadvantages" of living in chapter houses "prove conclusively that the chapter house may be a serious menace to the best interests of many young men." The circular letters were sent also to presidents, deans and registrars of leading universities, and the responses from them were, if anything, even more startling.

However, not all the replies were so gloomy. Taken as a whole, they indicate that "The fraternity chapter house is a potent factor for good or for evil," and this fact "ought to discourage no true reformer." It may be safely said that "The chapters which are going wrong are not, as a whole, wedded to their weakness" and "most of the men would welcome reform if it were brought about at the right time and in the right way." The fraternity has a wonderful hold on its members and exerts a powerful influence on them.

It can prevent vulgar language, coarse manners and loafing in the chapter house; and dishonesty and immorality everywhere as things unworthy a Greek-letter man.

It can do all these things and many more. In fact, what the well organized, well regulated fraternity can do with its men in four years is almost incredible to the outsider, because the outsider does not realize the tremendous hold that the fraternity gets upon its men. The boys are gathered together on the basis of similar tastes and ideals, when the rushing is properly done. Their constant association soon makes of them the closest friends. In a short time they would infinitely rather disgrace themselves than their fraternity brothers and their organization.

Such a fraternity receives into its ranks an undeveloped boy and sends forth, four years later, a man of poise, polish and not infrequently power.

But some one says this is an ideal—a condition impossible of attainment. Not at all. It now exists in the best chapters of the best fraternities. All that is contended here is that all the chapters can be made as good as the best.

What is needed is for alumni to supervise chapter activities and insist upon active members maintaining a high standard of scholarship.

This is the plain duty of the alumni and it should be their privilege. It is just as reprehensible for the better class of fraternity alumni to abandon their chapters and give them up to the "sporty element"—because these chapters do not exactly please them—as it is for the better citizens to abandon municipal government to professional politicians and ward-heeler. There are enough good men in every fraternity and in every municipality to do the right thing. But they must be active.

The alumnus who watches over the chapter should be young, loyal, enthusiastic and tactful.

This duty of the alumnus, however, is a most delicate one and demands just the right man. He must love the fraternity. He must know its history and traditions. He must have a deep personal interest in the underclassmen and feel that every boy has possibilities. He must still be young enough to remember how a freshman feels and looks at life, and he must distinguish intuitively between the foibles of youth and real vicious tendencies. He must wink at the one and suppress the other. By prompt and judicious action he must counteract the unwholesome influence of a man who is going wrong, and save the chapter at least—if not the individual—from the results of his folly. He must have and hold the love and admiration of the underclassmen or he is not the one for the place. And he must accomplish all this, for the most part, unobtrusively. Ironclad, coercive rules from the alumni will not be wise except in extreme cases. They will defeat their own purpose by creating the same feeling of distrust and dislike which existed between the preacher-professor and the students of our early ecclesiastical colleges.

Unless conditions are improved fraternities will fail to attract the best class of students.

The alumnus must give this assistance or he must be prepared, twenty years hence when he visits the old home, to greet a weaker chapter than he meets today, for the tendency in all the fraternities is unmistakably toward waste of time, weaker scholarship and more society “fussing” and other adjuncts.

Most fraternity men of the last generation remember with pride that the best men in college could be had by the fraternities for the asking. It is not universally so today. Already many strong young men are shunning them as organizations which will rob them of their honorable ambitions on the one hand, or cultivate in them a crop of habits that are of very questionable value, on the other.

The alumni can prevent all this and it is their duty to do so. Already they give valuable property and frequently more valuable time, and they have a right to expect every chapter of their fraternity to develop men who will preserve their traditions and honor their fraternity and their *alma mater*.

Professor McDermott died a few days after he submitted his article to the *Δ Y Quarterly*. The article was accompanied by a letter in which he expressed his views very convincingly as follows:

Briefly my thought is this: the fraternity is here to stay; it is a power for good or for ill; its present tendency is downward because scholarship—the chief purpose for which a man comes to college, but still only one of the purposes—is being neglected; it is in the power of the alumni to correct this tendency; they must correct it or the fraternities will decline still further—they will decline until the intellectual and moral scum of the universities is drawn into them. When this comes about what will take the place of the properly organized and intelligently conducted fraternity?

Now it may be that I am all wrong in my hypothesis, which is that good scholarship is needed today as much as ever it was and that it is the foundation upon which to rest culture and clean high grade efficient

citizenship, and always will be. I believe that great engineers, lawyers, doctors, and such men, must have trained minds to advance civilization, and they can't have trained minds if they smoke and play cards all of every evening. Mind you, I smoke and play cards myself, but not all the time.

When the fraternity is properly developed, instead of laboring hard and long to convince fond parents that the fraternity is a safe place for their sons to enter, these same parents will come and beg to have their sons taken in, in order that they may have the care and oversight of competent upperclassmen, and the high ideals preached by interested alumni. I am a believer in the system and say so clearly; but I am so much a believer that I want it to work upward, not downward. My investigation does not pretend to be exhaustive but my own mind is so far convinced that I think the fraternities should appoint a committee (possibly inter-fraternity) that has leisure and desire to know all the facts; and if they find them essentially as I have, they should so impress the fraternity world that it would quietly, but persistently, set in motion certain reforms that would accompany the desired results.

Mr. William O. Miller, editor of the *Δ Y Quarterly*, having copyrighted Professor McDermott's article, submitted it in proof form to a number of prominent fraternity men and to the presidents of a number of leading universities, asking them to furnish comments on the subject discussed. The comments that were received form a very interesting symposium. Proofs of the original article and the symposium were courteously furnished by the editor of the *Quarterly* to other fraternity magazines, several of which have republished them in full. We much regret that the space of THE SCROLL is so limited that we can republish only a condensation of the original article and brief extracts from the symposium.

John H. DeWitt, past president of *Φ Δ Θ*, writes that two things are absolutely necessary:

First. Chapter houses must not be extravagantly maintained. They should not be acquired by incurring an enormous debt which the chapters and their alumni can not reasonably undertake to pay; and they should not be so sumptuous that occupants will live in a style very disproportionate to their means. If this is not regulated by the college authorities it should at least be closely regulated by the chapters, their alumni and the officers of the fraternity supervising the chapters.

Second. Life in a chapter house and the college work of each member of the chapter should be under close supervision. This supervision should come from within the fraternity. The practice of self-regulation and self-restraint and a mutual stimulation will go farther than anything else toward developing the man and the gentleman. This is also the spirit of true brotherhood put into practice. Competent and influential upperclassmen should carefully supervise the younger members, and the management of the house should be in part by the alumni. Every chapter house should be governed by a set of sensible and reasonable rules which should be enforced as a part of this supervision.

Professor Arthur R. Priest, dean of the college of liberal arts of the University of Washington, and president of Kappa province of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, holds that chapter houses have not been the chief cause of the decline of scholarship among fraternities. He writes:

That a change in fraternity standards has taken place no student of the subject will deny. Has the chapter house been a contributing cause of this change, and if it has, to what extent has it contributed? Manifestly the mere fact that a number of men live together in one house can not be assigned as a serious cause of the lowered scholarship. During the first two periods of fraternity history, pointed out by Professor McDermott, the men who constituted a given chapter frequently lived together in the form of a club; and in almost every case the men of any one chapter lived near each other. Furthermore, in the early history of the chapter house movement in some of the New England colleges the chapter house was known as the home of the "grinds," and the more frivolous, the fellows who were looking for a "good time," refused to live in the houses. Again, in colleges where the men still live in dormitories, and chapter houses have never been permitted, the fraternities show a decadence of scholarship; and in colleges where some of the chapters live in houses and some are still unhoused the difference in standards of scholarship are as often in favor of the housed chapters as against them. In other words, the chapter house does not seem to be even a concomitant with poor scholarship.

Nevertheless, I believe that the chapter house has added to the burdens of the undergraduate, and that it has been a positive detriment to the scholarship of individual members in the chapters. The business of conducting a successful rooming and boarding house can not be carried on without a serious drain on the time and energy of some one. I admit that the gain is an experience not to be regarded lightly, but it is not a gain in scholarship, and just here is the trouble with present-day college and educational life. Too many such elements as the chapter house have entered into our complex education. Time was when Latin, Greek and mathematics held sway with but few competitors for the student's time and attention. The students as a body gave their first sanction to things intellectual. Now conditions have changed, the business enterprises conducted by the students in an institution registering eleven hundred young men and women frequently amount to thirty thousand dollars and more each year. Such enterprises include all forms of athletics and music, daily newspapers, comic newspapers, co-operative stores, balls, circuses, theatricals, debates and oratorical contests.

Young men will sit on the bleachers two or three hours every afternoon for three months as a proof of college spirit, but no one has yet dared to assert that such conduct is proof of scholarship or in any direct way conducive to scholarship. I am a friend of proper athletics, but I think that we should be perfectly frank; athletics and outside activities generally have been overdone in American college life, and we are reaping the fruit of such excess. To attribute the decadence in scholarship to the chapter house is to strain at the gnat while we swallow the camel.

As college men we should begin by reforming educational ideals. We should seek to have our student bodies honor scholarship and intellectual

attainment equally with athletic prowess and good-fellowship. This can be done in part by having magnetic teachers who are as much interested in men as in making names for themselves through publications or research. Such instructors can get near enough to their students to have a powerful influence on them; and such instructors, exerting that influence beyond the lecture room, will mold the lives of the young people intrusted to their care.

As a small part of the larger problem, the chapter house should receive proper attention. The business care of the house should be taken, so far as possible, by resident alumni. Supervision of the scholarship and conduct of the chapter should be had by the alumni and faculty working through the upper class delegations of the chapter itself. Every effort should be put forth to impress upon the chapter that it is not of more importance than is the university as a whole, that the life in the house should help toward the true ends of university training.

But, I repeat in conclusion, the fault lies in the ideals of our student bodies, of which the fraternities are only small parts.

Dr. Wm. L. Dudley, dean of the medical department of Vanderbilt University, and past grand consul of $\Sigma\ X$, writes:

I have realized for a number of years that the tendency of active chapters was to drift slowly but surely away from the ideals of their fraternity and from the highest ideals of college life. I believe that the modern chapter house is, in a measure, responsible for it, but we must remember that the spirit of the times must bear its share.

Mr. E. P. Lyon, worthy grand chief of A T Ω , writes as follows about plans which he has instituted for emphasizing the importance of scholarship:

I have prepared a form of honorary certificate, which is granted to every Alpha Tau who on graduating from college takes distinguished rank in scholarship, oratory or debate, or who is elected to $\Phi\ B\ K$ or to any of the other honorary societies. The winners of these certificates are mentioned in my circular letters to the chapters and in the fraternity's journal.

I have also instituted a semi-annual report concerning scholarship, which each chapter is required to make through the province chief to me. This report contains the names of all undergraduates, who during the previous semester have been conditioned or who have failed in any subject. The province chiefs and myself then do all we can to imbue the delinquents with the idea that they must do better. Our province chiefs are required to visit all chapters at frequent intervals, and when on these visits they are required to call upon the president or registrar of the institution and inquire into the scholarship and behavior of our men. We also urge each chapter to have a committee of upperclassmen to watch carefully over the younger and see that they attend to their work.

By all of these methods I feel that we are getting considerable improvement, and I hope that before many years have passed by we may have quite different ideals in force in regard to the desirability of high scholastic achievement.

Mr. Carlton H. Hays, national secretary of A X P, writes:

I do believe that scholarship is declining and social life rising in the universities, due (1) to the disproportionate attention devoted to athletics, (2) to the absence of personal daily contact between student and instructor, (3) to the lack of efficient faculty committees on curriculum and instruction, and finally (4) to the misuse of chapter houses. The universities of the east, with which I am most familiar, are taking steps at the present time to reduce athletics to their proper position, to introduce tutorial or kindred systems of personal instruction, and to create efficient committees and advisors to superintend choice of electives and attendance on courses. I firmly believe that the fraternities must attend themselves to the chapter houses or suffer sad and serious consequences.

Every chapter of A X P has a committee on scholarship, consisting usually of two upperclassmen and one graduate—preferably a junior instructor at the college or university—whose duties are to keep a list of cuts or debars and a full record of term standing in every course, to counsel on choice of electives, and to supervise whatever tutorings may be necessary. Furthermore the members of this committee confer with the instructors each term on the work of every underclassman in the chapter.

Mr. Ralph S. Kent, Σ A E, writes as follows concerning the changes that have taken place in college ideals during the last quarter of a century:

I can not believe that the chapter house is in any way responsible for any lack of scholarship that may exist. During the last twenty or thirty years the class of college students has changed with the spirit of the times. Then students went to college to study and fit themselves for professions. Very few went to fit themselves for a business career. Today, however, many future business men are in college merely for the education obtained from contact with men. Such an education is not given credit in the technical term "scholarship." Furthermore, owing to the very fact that success is now, rightly or wrongly, largely measured in dollars, many young men feel that text books do not hold the secret of success, and that *cum magna laude* is not worth while for a business career.

Another change which has occurred in the class of students is due to the fact that many parents send their sons to college today because it is the *thing to do*. Such students do not have a clear conception of "Why are we here?" Mother and sister want them to go and expect them to make Sigma Doodle Psi, so that sister can come to the junior prom house party and have a "darling of a time." With such ambitions back of him it is not surprising that the boy does not achieve prominence in scholarship. Yet it is safe to say that most of this class get into a fraternity, and of course affect the scholarship of the whole. In such cases the problem seems to be, how can the fraternity be made a power in correcting home training?

A similar position is held by Mr. Stephen Hart, Δ X (legal), who writes:

If scholarship and oratory and debate have yielded first and second places to social standing and athletics and have themselves been relegated to a lower position in the estimation of fraternity men, it seems to me that this change, in so far as changes have actually occurred, has been brought about in part and very largely by causes other than chapter

house life. I should say that the men who entered college twenty or thirty years ago were on the whole rather less able financially to indulge in social pleasures. They came to college primarily to get an education; they felt that they had only a limited amount either of time or money that they could spend in college, and they consequently applied themselves more strictly to study. As the country has become more prosperous, the men coming up to college have come better able to spend their money in social and athletic recreation, and they have done so to a greater extent. That society and athletics may be too much indulged in to the detriment of sound scholarship I have no doubt, and I fear this has been the case in some instances, but not to an alarming extent.

-The evils of athletics are not chargeable to fraternity men any more than to non-fraternity nor nearly as much to either as to the athletic boards of control or to the college authorities themselves. Good athletic teams receive extended treatment in the daily papers and success in athletic contests secures for a college the most effective advertising it can get. It is the desire on the part of college authorities to get extensive publicity of this kind that has led them, I fear in too many instances, to condone a poor grade of scholarship in their athletics.

I have always felt that the fraternity did me a great deal more good than I was ever able to do in return. This, so far as I am able to learn, is the common experience of fraternity men. At the same time I am sensible of the fact that I might have stood higher in scholarship had I been a non-fraternity man, for unquestionably fraternity life leads a man into other activities and leaves less time for study, but I believe most men would rather forego the advantages of high standing in scholarship than to lose the advantage of the association and training they receive in chapter house life.

Comments were furnished by five other prominent fraternity men, five prominent sorority women, and by the presidents of Yale University, Brown University, the University of Michigan and Swarthmore College, and the chancellor of the University of Nebraska. President James B. Angell, of Michigan, writes:

No one familiar with the present condition of things in the fraternity houses can fail to realize that special effort is needed if the fraternities are to hold themselves up to the high reputation for scholarship and character which they formerly had before fraternity houses were established. The great dangers obviously to the residents in those houses are—waste of time, substitution of social life for hard study, and, if the upperclassmen are not of a high moral strain, the lowering of the moral character of the members.

DELTA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

The Delta Province convention was held at Put-in-Bay, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 21, 22 and 23. The general council held its annual meeting at the same place and added much to the entertainment of the delegates and visitors. Only a short business session was held Wednesday, on account



THREE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
Who Tarried at Put-in-Bay.



"IMP" AND THE NIGHT WATCHMAN
At Hotel Victory, Put-in-Bay.

of the late arrival of some of the delegates. Wednesday evening the province president gave a smoker. Thursday afternoon several alumni from Detroit, Sandusky and Toledo came over for the day. Thursday evening was devoted to the banquet. Brother Lamkin presided as toastmaster, and with the aid of a carving knife and big stick barely succeeded in keeping other members of the general council in good enough order so that



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DELTA PROVINCE CONVENTION AND GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING.
Put-in-Bay, Ohio, July 21, 22 and 23, 1909.

speeches could be heard. Brothers Ruick, Haldeman, Steketee, Coxe, Ballou and Case gave short talks. A dance in the beautiful Victory ballroom Friday evening closed the official program, but most of the Phis stayed another day and put in the time bathing, and taking in the attractions of Put-in-Bay.

Brother R. M. Rush, *Case*, '06, the Cleveland Alumni Club

delegate, won the tennis championship of Delta Province, and a cup, and is claiming the championship of Indiana on the strength of his having defeated Brother Ruick.

All seven of the chapters in Delta Province were represented as well as six of the alumni clubs, while there were about forty visitors, including eight ladies, present, part or all the time.

Everyone was delighted with Hotel Victory and its location. The hotel is very large with accommodations for two thousand guests, and especial arrangements for conventions. The dining room seats twelve hundred and there are a large ballroom, a convention hall, and parlors, with smaller rooms for committee meetings. It is beautifully situated on the west end of Put-in-Bay, seventy feet above the lake, which is visible from every window in the house. It is surrounded by beautiful grounds leading down to the lake.

The summer province convention was intended as a fore-runner of the national convention, and every attendant left with a promise to boom for "a thousand in 1910."

GEORGE S. CASE, *Case*, '04.

THE INFLUENCE OF PHI DELTA THETA AS A NATIONAL FRATERNITY.*

Many a young man, fresh from his mother's farewell kiss, bursting with local pride, pumped into him by the admiring townfolk at home, has entered college with fraternity ambitions, determined to join some fraternity post-haste. The more fortunate have received the coveted proposals or suggestions, only to, in many cases, make fatal decisions, because they were unacquainted with the true mission of the fraternity and mistaken as to its real functions. On the threshold of the college life, no more important question confronts a boy, and upon its decision very many hours of pleasure or of painful regret depend. A colored boy walked into the county clerk's office in a county of a southern state and asked :

"Marse Kimball, where do you get them there licenses?"

"What kind of licenses?"

"To marry Mary."

"Here they are, they cost three dollars."

"Now look here, Marse Kimball, you know I can't pay three dollars and 'sides Mary ain't worth it! Can't you take them fish I caught down on Bull Creek for a license?"

*A toast responded to by Francis Martin at the annual banquet of the Indianapolis Alumni Club, March 20, 1909.

The clerk finally gave him the license for the fish and some time afterward met him in another town. When he asked the boy how he was getting on, the negro cautiously remarked:

"Look here Marse Kimball, I's gwine to tell de truf, ther's been many a time when I wished I done et dem fish myself!"

So these early hasty decisions on the part of students, have caused many vain regrets. Their avidity to join indicates fear that they will lose out: they are like the Irishman who was painting a house and showing great haste and who, on being asked if he was in a hurry to get done before the rain, said no, "I am hurrying to get done before the paint gives out."

There are all kinds of fraternities, and their motives, objects, organizations and policies are varied. Some are broad and intelligently catholic in their principles, plans and organization; some narrow and contracted. Some have for their aim, friendship, fellowship, culture, development; some selfish power and purely personal social conquest and domination. They look at the fraternity as the negro who went into a store and asked for a razor and who, on being asked if he wanted a safety, said, "No sah, this heah razor am for social purposes only!"

When first the spirit of friendship and the desire for comradeship prompted the formation of brotherhoods or fraternities, only local organizations were contemplated. Doubtless a great fraternity was entirely foreign to the ideas and conceptions of the organizers. The associations were for the day, the school year, the school course. The contemplated advantages would be incident to the local conditions. But once established, they quickly demonstrated their value to the college and to the student. They so completely filled a known need that human nature would not consent to their localization and confinement. The hearts of their members craved broader fields of association and spurred these strong young men on to the fields of conquest. Gradually great fraternities sprang from these early conceptions. Local interests broadened into state wide and then into nation wide institutions—the coveted goal of the ambitious young cavaliers.

Φ Δ Θ early extended its influence and domain. From Miami in 1848 to a great national organization in 1909, is a far cry, but as you study it today, the organization of that patriot band in 1848, embraced the broad and catholic principles, and provided the wise and effective governmental system that has made the fraternity in 1909 possible. It was democratic in spirit and

in government. No institution can remain permanently, in this country, unless it is fundamentally in harmony with our democratic national system. Contrary organizations may prosper for a time, but they bear inherent weaknesses, are out of touch with our country, her precepts and her people, and the first sound of alarm, or signal of danger, shakes them to the ground. Aristocracy, privileged or ruling classes, "four hundreds," may prosper today but tomorrow they fall. Natural law demands harmony and natural law will prevail.

The strongest indictment ever brought against fraternities as organizations, was that in their very nature they are undemocratic. There might be much of truth in that indictment, and only those fraternities that by their organization and government strive for democratic spirit and inspiration, can hope to survive. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has from its inception, been patriotic and opposed to distinctions and artificial divisions. Its basis has always been worthy colleges and worthy men—not the rich college nor the rich man. Caste or class has had no rightful place in its organization. Let those who manage it today learn this well and thereby maintain the courageous and hearty support of the alumni and the people.

In the local chapter are the associations formed that deepen into personal and lasting friendships. For the time the home of the young men, these chapters should require the same high ideals and standards as to honorable life and actions as are required in the home. There the boy meets the men with whom he can be sincere and before whom he thinks aloud. The general fraternity puts him in touch with other chapters and other colleges. It draws him out of narrow confines, and puts him in contact with the outside world. In fraternity conventions, in vacation wanderings, it furnishes him the medium of acquaintanceship.

Those outside blessings of the fraternity are found in $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, because of its broad national spirit, its great membership and its widely located chapters. It is national in its size, its physical extensions and its long and successful life. It can be truthfully and logically contended that if chapters and brothers are essential to a successful fraternity, then the fraternity will accentuate its value as it extends its chapters and membership, always, however, maintaining the same high standard. And after the college days are over, when your last farewell has been said and you are out in the world beginning again, this extended chapterhood, and this great membership proves its

value and strikes conviction to your mind as to the wisdom of our policy.

From 1848 we have been effective. Every year has witnessed our growth, testified our worth, recorded our triumphs. In war we have answered duty's call, as God has given us to see the right—the boys of the south in gray, the boys of the north in blue; and then again the boys of the north and the boys of the south in blue. And after war, in peace, we have clasped each other again and closing our hearts to anger and hatred, have heroically helped to bridge the chasm, and heal the nation's wounds. We have put ourselves into every avenue of the nation's life, and have energetically, intelligently fought and conquered. Business, the professions, the church, the school, the army, the navy, have known us. We have given a president, a vice-president, senators, representatives, governors, soldiers to our country, and they have honored us; but above all we have given thousands of unknown men, thoroughly prepared, sturdy, courageous men, to do, to die for right, for country, for God, all chiseled and rounded out of the rich raw material committed to our Fraternity.

To this good old warrior for the good and the true, this potential force in our nation's life, we renew allegiance, and join with the poet :

The mother may forget her child
That smiles so sweetly on her knee,
But I'll remember the Glencairn
And all thou hast done for me!

FRANCIS MARTIN, *Franklin*, '96.

PHIS AT NORTHFIELD.

It is a safe assertion that wherever college students come together in a convention, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ will be represented by a goodly number of men who take a prominent part in its activities. The 1909 student conference at Northfield, Mass., proved to be no exception to this rule, for among the delegates, there were eleven Phis from seven different chapters. Although nearly every Greek-letter society was represented, not more than two national fraternities excelled $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in point of numbers, and the *esprit de corps* among the Phis was excelled by that of no other fraternity.

Plans for a dinner at the hotel were discussed, but unfortunately they came to naught owing to the impossibility of deciding upon a date suitable to everyone. Many were the in-

formal gatherings, nevertheless, where Phi songs were sung, and where the spirit of good fellowship reigned supreme.

The accompanying photograph which was necessarily taken during the first few days of the conference, shows only seven of the Phis. The brothers who do not appear in the picture were Edward W. Hearne, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '94; Richard V. Taylor, Jr., *Virginia*, '06; Fennell P. Turner, *Vanderbilt*, '91, and E. G. Williams, *Allegheny*.



PHIS AT NORTHFIELD.

Top row, from right to left—Julian D. Hamlin, *Williams*, '12; Morris B. Lambie, *Williams*, '12; Donald Armstrong, *Columbia*, '09.

Lower row—Henry V. B. Darlington, *Columbia*, '10; Maxwell J. Lick, *Allegheny*, '08; Albert V. Egbert, *Penn. State*, '12; E. H. Swift, *Williams*, '12.

Among the leaders of the real work of the conference, Brothers Hearne, Taylor and Turner were most active in conducting large classes of students. Brother Lick was the first tenor on the conference quartette and was highly complimented upon his singing. He also played on the All-Pennsylvania baseball team. Brother Lambie, who plays on the Williams 'varsity, was first base on his delegation team, and he also played well up in the tennis tournament. The other Phis did not distinguish themselves in athletics, but were active in the work of

their own delegations and of the conference in general. When the conference closed on July 11, all of us were decidedly of the opinion that it had been rendered much more enjoyable by the friendship that ever exists between brothers in the Bond.

DONALD ARMSTRONG, *Columbia*, '09.

PHI DELTISM.*

All things and all life have a unit of value. Our large granaries of today are filled with little grains of corn as units of value. The great glaciers of the Alps with all their beauty and picturesqueness, have the little snow-flake as a unit of value. Niagara Falls with its tremendous force power has for its unit of value, the little drop of water. Weights, measures, moneys, in fact all things of human life, are made up of units of value.

So this great Fraternity to which you and I belong is made up of individual men who represent the units of value, and just in so far as each man has developed the best there is in him, has true Phi Deltism been enlarged. From the inception of our Fraternity to the present time, each member has either reflected credit or discredit to the three fundamental principles which our organization teaches and emphasizes. Namely; the highest literary training, the broadest social culture and the most perfect ethical development.

LITERARY TRAINING: Our literary training may have been started during our college days, but if since then, we have neglected our continuous education, we have lessened the literary standard of Phi Deltism, but if we have taken advantage of the best literature of the past and present, then in so far as we have done this individually, have we increased the literary value of our Fraternity.

The reading of a noble poem, or of some great novel, or of the life of some heroic man or woman, makes one bigger, and better and broader. Think what it would be to pass out of the atmosphere of a Sunday newspaper into that of Shelley's larger poems, or of Keat's beautiful thoughts or Wordsworth's shorter poems. Let us live for a little while in the quiet and still air of delightful literary study. Such reading is like a new birth. We must read by putting forth an effort, and if we use hard, vigorous thinking in our studies of the best literature, there will be a quickening of the imagination; there will

* A toast responded to by Bertram Day at the annual banquet of the Indianapolis Alumni Club March 20, 1909.

be a stirring of the depths of feeling ; there will be a strengthening of the will. If we read passively, we submit ourselves to the writer, but if we read actively, we shall be master of the writer. We oftentimes read to pass the time. May we read to improve the time. May we get a glimpse of the larger and better vision of true literature and its training. If we all enter into high companionship with the great writers, we will be developed and refreshed and strengthened mentally and morally. This sort of study means growth to Phi Deltism.

SOCIAL CULTURE: The key-note to the broadest development of social culture in our fraternity is friendship. If we would have friends, we must be friendly. I believe that the truest and sweetest friendship in my life began in my fraternity days while in college. I used to think that friendship meant happiness, but I have long since learned that it means discipline. Seek how we may, we shall never find a friend without faults, imperfections and traits that annoy us. Strive as we may, we ourselves can never completely fulfill the ideal of us that is in our friend's mind. We invariably come short of it. To have a friend is to have one of the best gifts that life can bring. To be a friend is to have a training in self-sacrifice from day to day. A friend gives us confidence in life. He makes us outdo ourselves. He remembers us when we have forgotten or neglected ourselves. He may praise us and we are not embarrassed. He may rebuke us and we are not angered. If he be silent, we understand. It takes a great soul to be a true friend, a large, catholic, steadfast and living friend. True friendship makes one forgive much, forget much, forbear much. It costs to be a friend or to have a friend. It costs time, affection, strength, patience, love.

History furnishes us with noble examples of true friendship, such as David for Jonathan; Damon for Pythias, or Tennyson for Arthur Hallam. The close bonds of brotherhood in our Fraternity are fit soil for the development of the noblest traits of friendship which are possible in our life. As we have grown then in social culture or true friendship, we have made this, our Fraternity, stand for one of the fundamentals which it teaches.

ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT: Perhaps the opportunity for the broadest and greatest development of the individual units in Phi Deltism is through the ethical. Man is made for attainment and achievement. To ever become greater and greater than he is now, is the sole purpose of living. In order to attain that purpose he must ever advance in the mastery of his better

self through the mighty powers of self-control. Everything in the being of man must be employed constructively and all the elements and forces and functions of the human system must work together toward the great goal—the ideal.

The struggle of the individual unit of Phi Deltism should always be toward the highest and best and noblest. Though everything in mind and body be mastered today, tomorrow will bring forth from the great within new forces, new ideals, new talents, new powers and new methods of thinking. All of these should demand attention and control the best that there is in us.

How true it is that our thoughts make character. "As a man thinketh, so is he." As the plant springs from and could not be without the seed, so every act of man springs from the hidden seeds of thought, and could not appear without them. Act is the blossom of thought, and joy or suffering are its fruits. Thus does a man garner in the sweet and bitter fruitage of his own husbandry. Man is always made or unmade by himself; in the armory of thought he forges the weapons by which he destroys himself; he also fashions the tools with which he builds for himself joy and peace. Out of petty and ignoble thoughts one fashions a life after a hovel; out of noble and worthy thoughts one rears a character with the dimensions of a temple or cathedral.

Man is the master of thought, the moulder of character and the maker and shaper of condition, environment and destiny. Just as the gardener cultivates his plot, keeping it free from weeds and growing the flowers and fruits which he requires, so may a man tend the garden of his mind, weeding out all the wrong, useless, and impure thoughts and cultivating toward perfection the flowers and fruits of right, useful and pure thoughts. He at once discovers that he is the master-gardener of his soul and the director of his own life. The highest thoughts and actions can never produce bad results; bad thoughts and actions can never produce good results. Like attracts like. A man is never rightly conditioned until he is happy, healthy and prosperous. Harmony, not confusion, should be the dominating principle in every man's life; justice not injustice is the soul and substance of life; righteousness not corruption is the moulding and moving force in the spiritual government of the world. Many imagine that thoughts can be kept secret, but they cannot. They gradually crystalize into habit and habit solidifies into circumstances. Bestial thoughts crystalize into habits of drunkenness and sensuality

which solidify into circumstances of destitution and disease. Pure thoughts crystalize into habits of temperance and self-control which solidify into circumstances of happiness and peace.

Just in so far as we have grown in our literary training, our social culture, our ethical development, have we broadened and made bigger true Phi Deltism. Have we been loyal to our pledge; to our Bond; to our constitution? Are we living up to the best that there is in us and are we giving the best to others? Are we living with the minds of great writers? Are we practicing loyalty of friendship? Are we strengthening and widening the horizon of the moral and spiritual life?

Do you appreciate this little emblem which I hold in my hand—the badge which you and I wear? Does it mean anything? Does it have an intrinsic or representative value? Do we wear it just to show it, or does it mean something to us? Has this badge with its scroll and its sword and its chain and its letters any meaning? Has it helped you and $\Phi\Delta\Theta$? Just in so far as it has, have we increased the efficiency and effectiveness of this, the greatest organization of its kind in the world today? This organization which demands the best, and the fittest men in our colleges and universities—the selected men, the leaders; men of the best manners; men of the keenest brains; men who have bodies of the athlete and the morals of the Christian.

It behooves us, members of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, that we do not forget as we turn our eyes eastward that this splendid organization was founded sixty-one years ago. Then it was an infant struggling, working, endeavoring to rise along the best lines of development for young manhood. We do not expect the child to possess all the powers and resources of his life until he has had time to develop them. So our Fraternity, when first organized, could not be expected to show the strength and power in those first days as it should now. But growth is ever the law of life. There is no standing still. May we pledge ourselves to the best that there is intellectually, socially and ethically. Let us ever live true to the highest ideals and standards of true Phi Deltism. BERTRAM DAY, *Wabash, '02.*

THE NEW SYRACUSE GYMNASIUM.

In the center of the campus of Syracuse University stands a little red brick structure which has been used as a gymnasium for many years. It has been the scene of many tests of ath-

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letic prowess and many athletes who have won name and fame for the Orange have developed their muscles under its roof.

But Syracuse has been growing, slowly but surely, and her athletic teams have been growing in proportion. They have pushed their way upward until they are recognized among the leading college teams of the country. The little red gymnasium became too small and across the quadrangle work was begun on a magnificent modern abode for the athletic warriors.

The new building progressed rapidly and last spring it was practically completed. It surely is greater than any one had ever dared hope. Standing near the great stadium the battle field of the Orange teams the magnificent structure looks proudly across the campus. Well may it look proudly for it has the distinction of being one of the largest gyms in the world.

The new building is a four story structure. The first floor or basement being occupied by a swimming tank (30 x 90 feet), a rowing tank, bowling alleys, two cages for baseball and shot putting and team rooms for the home and visiting teams. They are connected with the stadium by under ground passages.

The second floor is approached by a wide staircase, leading from the entrance, which opens on a large reception and trophy room, where all the trophies won by the athletic teams are placed on exhibition. Off from the trophy room are the offices of the physical director and exercising rooms. In the rear of the reception room is a large space devoted to a locker room which has a large shower room connected with it.

The third floor is taken up with the gymnasium proper, which has a floor space of 210 x 100 feet. This affords sufficient room for four basketball courts. Off from the gymnasium floor are rooms for boxing, fencing and wrestling.

Overhead the fourth floor consists of an eleven lap running track and locker rooms for the members of the faculty.

Heretofore it has been necessary to hold the college dances in some down town hall but the completion of the gymnasium has happily obviated this difficulty so that this year both the junior prom and the senior ball were held on the campus.

With such a home Syracuse athletics should advance rapidly and the future will show great results.

WALTER A. DARBY, *Syracuse*, '11.

EDITORIAL.

MORE than a quarter of a century ago, in 1883 to be exact, a meeting of fraternity editors was held in Philadelphia, to discuss matters of common interest to all of the fraternities. The meeting was fairly representative, twenty-one official representatives of thirteen fraternities being present, besides twenty-one other fraternity men. An Inter-Fraternity Press Association was formed, and it was decided that there should be a Pan-Hellenic Conference in 1884, provided that ten fraternities should signify their intention of participating. This meeting of editors was the first meeting ever held by general fraternity officials. An account of it appears on pages 445 and 446 of "The History of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity." But the proposed Pan-Hellenic Conference was never held, for the reason that it was not generally approved by the various fraternities. At that time there was entirely too much jealousy between the fraternities, so much as to make united action on any subject impossible. During the World's Fair, at Chicago in 1893, there was a Pan-Hellenic Congress in that city, which was attended by about three hundred Greeks, men and women. The exercises consisted of papers on fraternity topics, read at a general meeting, followed by a social gathering. During the Cotton States Exposition, at Atlanta two years later, the American Pan-Hellenic Society was formed, though its objects were not definitely expressed. Officers and an executive committee were chosen, with power to select the next place of meeting. But nothing permanent resulted from the meetings in 1883, 1893 or 1895.

These were, we believe, all of the general Pan-Hellenic meetings that have been held until this year. Fraternities have been too antagonistic for them to get together on any common

ground. But this year there have been two meetings which indicate the possibility that fraternities have nearly reached the point where they will be willing to unite on plans and policies which will meet the approval of all. Accounts of both of these meetings appeared in the Hellenic department of *THE SCROLL* for June. One was the sixth annual convention of the National Religious Education Association, which met in Chicago in February. It was composed of prominent educators and representatives of seventeen fraternities. By a unanimous vote, the conference decided a Pan-Hellenic union of Greek-letter fraternities to be expedient and advisable. The other meeting referred to was the dinner of fraternity editors in New York in March, which was attended by sixteen men, representing fourteen fraternities. To the great regret of the editors of *THE SCROLL*, neither of them could be present, but Phi Delta Theta was officially represented by the treasurer of its general council. We earnestly hope that these meetings will lead to some sort of co-operation between fraternities in regard to the problems with which all of them are confronted.

WE would not have Phi Delta Theta or any other fraternity surrender its individuality or autonomy, but we believe that fraternities should, by some concert of action, determine certain policies upon which they would be willing to stand. Inter-fraternity conventions might discuss such subjects as a general agreement upon a time when rushing should begin, so as to allow a period during which fraternity men would have the opportunity of becoming well acquainted with new men before bidding them. Such an inter-fraternity code would certainly greatly raise the standard of fraternity membership, for a much more select and desirable class of men would be chosen from each incoming class than is now initiated after a brief and strenuous rushing season. An old adage says, "Marry in haste and repent at leisure," which may be changed to read

Rush in haste and repent at leisure. Fraternities have made many mistakes in rushing and initiating in a hurry freshmen of whom they knew scarcely anything. In fact the dangers of the present indiscriminate and heedless system of rushing are really appalling. We have not space to dwell on them now.

ANOTHER matter of great importance which certainly deserves the attention of all self respecting fraternities, is that of adopting proper means of keeping their members keyed up to a creditable standard of scholarship. It is now a great reproach to fraternities that many chapters have men whose class standing is so poor that they cannot pass college examinations. After inglorious, aimless and idle careers at college, many men are flunked out, to the disgrace of the fraternities to which they belong. And they are properly fired from college, to make way for men of more ambition who will appreciate their educational opportunities. Another question which might profitably be discussed by a convention of all fraternities is that of limiting the number of social functions and curtailing the elaborateness and expensiveness of entertainments in which chapters indulge. Even if binding action in regard to such subjects as have been mentioned were not taken in a Pan-Hellenic council, the mere discussion of them would certainly lead to improved conditions, which would place the fraternities in a much more favorable position before the public than they now occupy.

IT is no credit to the fraternities that they have allowed sororities, which are much younger organizations, to outstrip them in Pan-Hellenic movements. The sororities have had a national Pan-Hellenic conference for seven years. It is a legislative body, and has accomplished important reforms, some of which are mentioned in the Hellenic department of this issue of THE SCROLL, to which we invite our readers' attention.

Vigorous attacks have recently been made on fraternities. The legislatures of two states, South Carolina and Arkansas, have enacted laws to oust fraternities from state institutions, though the defective measure is inoperative in the latter state. During this year threats have been made of legislative action to prohibit fraternities in Kansas and Illinois, and the legislature of Wisconsin has called for a report on fraternities from the faculty of the University of Wisconsin. These movements have had sufficient backing to alarm fraternity men, and arouse them to co-operate in preventing such legislation. In widely published statements, the presidents of Cornell, Stanford and the faculty of the University of Missouri have declared that the scholarship of fraternity men in their respective institutions is below the average of the student body. They have produced statistics to show that the percentage of students who have been forced to leave college is much larger among fraternity men than among non-fraternity men. The presidents of the University of Michigan and University of Minnesota have declared that fraternities are endangered by tendencies which lead to serious waste of time, substitution of social life for hard study, and in many cases to a lowering of the moral character of the members. The president of Hobart College declares that fraternities create partisanship and encourage laziness, and that youngsters loaf in expensive chapter houses, built with money given by alumni, and lead the lives of club-men and the idle rich. We call attention to the article on "The Chapter House and Its Effect on the Fraternity," in this issue of *THE SCROLL*.

THESE serious charges brought against fraternities by the heads of institutions where the fraternity system has long been established, are astounding and mortifying to fraternity men, and should cause them serious concern. Mr. Clarence F. Birdseye, himself a fraternity man, and a friendly critic, has written two books, recently published, which show that there

are evils as well as benefits connected with fraternities as they are at present generally conducted. Indeed there are not a few signs that fraternities are now on the defensive more than they have been in a very long time. We believe that fraternities that are not making any efforts to eliminate the evils complained of are dwelling in a fool's paradise, for they will surely be condemned by public opinion. It is useless to delude ourselves with the notion that the manners and morals of fraternity men need no correction. Unless the faults, which cannot be denied or disproven, are corrected, fraternities will fall into general disfavor. Therefore it behooves fraternities to set their houses in order. Phi Delta Theta has already taken advanced ground in adopting measures which, it is hoped, will be effective in raising the standard of scholarship of its members. Phi Delta Theta perhaps can manage this problem by itself, but there are other questions which can be settled only by general agreement among fraternities. Hence it is that we welcome Pan-Hellenic movements, hoping that they may bring about reforms which are sorely needed in the fraternity system.

DURING the last twelve months the number of houses owned by Phi Delta Theta chapters or chapter house associations increased from 36 to 42. This was the largest increase made by any fraternity during the year, and in the total number of chapters owned Phi Delta Theta is considerably ahead of any other fraternity. The six chapters which last acquired houses were those at Idaho, Toronto, Butler, Lombard, Auburn and Purdue. Idaho came into the fraternity owning a house and also a separate building lot; Toronto bought a house; Butler, Lombard and Auburn erected houses, and Purdue is building one. The 42 chapters which have homes of their own are 58.33 per cent of the 72 active chapters of the fraternity

They are :

Auburn	North Carolina
California	Miami
Stanford	Ohio Wesleyan
Emory	Ohio State
Idaho	Case
Northwestern	Toronto
Lombard	Lafayette
Illinois	Gettysburg
Wabash	Washington and Jefferson
Butler	Allegheny
DePauw	Dickinson
Purdue	Pennsylvania
Williams	Pennsylvania State
Amherst	South Dakota
Michigan	Vanderbilt
Missouri	Sewanee
Nebraska	Texas
Dartmouth	Southwestern
Cornell	Vermont
Columbia	Washington State
Syracuse	Wisconsin

During 1908-09 Chicago moved into a new and commodious house, by far the finest the chapter has ever occupied. Iowa Wesleyan moved into a newly remodeled house. Colby and Kentucky, which also rented houses, moved into other houses. At the beginning of the collegiate year, Georgia Tech rented a house, for the first time; near the end of the year, Virginia rented a house, for the first time. Franklin expects to enter another house this fall, and to rent until it can afford to build.

The following chapters, 18 in number, now rent houses :

Colorado	Kansas
Georgia	Kentucky
Georgia Tech	Colby
Chicago	Minnesota
Knox	Westminster
Indiana	Ohio
Franklin	Washington and Jefferson
Iowa Wesleyan	McGill
Iowa	Virginia

Two chapters occupy portions of university dormitories:

Brown Union

The remaining 10 chapters, as follows, meet in halls or rooms:

Alabama	Mississippi
Mercer	Washington U.
Hanover	Cincinnati
Central	Randolph-Macon
Tulane	Washington and Lee

The progress of our chapters in acquiring homes during the last year is most gratifying, but we trust that it will be excelled during the coming year. Building sites are owned by 8 chapters, as follows:

Alabama	Kansas
Knox	Minnesota
Indiana	Westminster
Iowa Wesleyan	Ohio

At five places, as follows, fraternities are offered free building sites on the grounds of the institutions:

Colby	Lehigh
Washington U.	Virginia
Union	

Some of these five institutions, if not all, offer to lend part of the money needed by fraternities to erect houses. All of the chapters which have purchased lots or which are offered campus sites may be expected to erect houses very shortly. Building on the new house at Sewanee, which is to replace the old one, was suspended last year, but we understand will be resumed soon. Other chapters which we expect to be domiciled in their own houses before long are those at Mississippi and Franklin. Vanderbilt is about to begin the erection of a new house to replace its old one. Vermont, Amherst and Idaho think they are entitled to better houses than they now occupy, and their alumni doubtless will respond to their demands.

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Photographs of parties or scenes which would make interesting illustrations will be very acceptable.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

This fall Alabama Alpha returns only seven men, out of a chapter of eighteen last year. Of the eleven we lost seven were by graduation. Realizing that we must secure some good men this fall to uphold our standard, all the chapter were at the opening and with the aid of some visiting alumni, we feel confident of getting our share of men.

Last commencement was a week of continuous merriment and pleasure. There were several large Germans given by the different fraternities, which with the usual commencement exercises kept everyone busy and happy during the entire week. We were fortunate in having with us during the commencement season several of our alumni. We enjoyed their visit very much and only wish we could see more of our alumni during the whole year.

Our prospects for football this season are very bright. Of last year's squad we have returned nine men, and have several very promising new men. The team is again in charge of Dr. Pollard, who is recognized as the best football coach in the South.

We hope by October 1 to be in our new chapter house.

University, August 1, 1909.

M. E. PRATT.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The university campus is astir with life in these first days of the new year. The excavations for the law building, a gift of the late John Boalt, and the yet unfinished library, a huge structure of white granite lends to the state of confusion.

At the chapter house the spirit of good fellowship prevails. The boys have returned eager to get at the work of the coming year. With the passing of a few weeks the football season will be upon us, terminating in the contest with Stanford. California Alpha will do her share in that great fight as there are three of the fellows here at present who won their 'varsity letter in the game last season.

Since our last letter Brother Ashely, '10, has been elected captain of California's crew; Brother Phleger, '12, has been appointed associate editor of the *Daily Californian* and Brother Pennoyer, '10, has been elected president of the economics club. The associated student body has decided to issue an eight page daily instead of the four page paper that was in circulation before. Another reform, that is being watched with

much interest, is the matter regarding the paying of associated student dues. This year the students have the privilege of attending the preliminary football games, receiving a half year subscription to the college paper and lastly of becoming a full fledged member of the Associated Student Body for \$2.50. Hitherto these three items were classed separately and ranged at a much higher price.

This year there is a slight change in the enrollment of the fellows at the chapter house. Brother Huntington is to be with Atkins, Kroll & Co., import merchants of San Francisco, and Hicky and Rascovich have established headquarters in Tacoma where they will deal in engineering supplies. Though we regret their loss California Alpha wishes the boys the best of luck in their new venture. IRVING G. MARKWART.

Berkeley, August 8, 1909.

CALIFORNIA BETA, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Commencement week at Stanford was held from May 13 to 20. This year everything was carried out on a much more elaborate plan than at any previous commencement and the festivities were greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

The annual banquet given by California Beta to her alumni was held at the chapter house on Friday evening May 14. The event proved a most happy reunion for the various alumni present as well as a very pleasant meeting between the members of the active chapter and our old brothers.

As winner of the intercollegiate regatta with the University of California the Stanford eight went north in May to compete with the University of Washington. The race was held on Lake Washington, May 24, and resulted in a decisive victory for Stanford.

During the summer months the interior of our chapter house is to be fixed up and many needed repairs are to be made with the result that at the beginning of the fall semester we hope to have a much better home.

The chapter enjoyed a delightful visit from Brother G. D. Kierulff, province president, who spent two days with us at the close of the college year.

BEN. F. WADE.

Stanford University, July 1, 1909.

COLORADO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Shortly before commencement week Colorado Alpha gave a most enjoyable informal dance at the chapter house. The leather back programs with the university seal and $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ embossed on them were neat souvenirs.

After the baccalaureate address Sunday; the senior class play, "As You Like It" presented Monday night in the beautiful natural theatre between 'Old Main' and the 'Dorm'; the campus illumination and senior prom. Tuesday night; the presidents reception and many other pleasant social features, commencement week was brought to a close with the graduation exercises Wednesday morning and the alumni banquet in spite of the worst rain and hail storm known in Colorado for many years. Ex-senator Henry M. Teller of Colorado delivered the commencement address. The degree of doctor of laws, was conferred upon him, as also upon Chas A. Lory, who has recently been elected president of the state agricultural college. In all, 172 degrees were conferred. Colo-

rado Alpha's representatives in the graduating class were Brothers Morrow and McPheeters, B.A., Hodson, LL.B., and Castelucci, M.D.

One other event of great interest during commencement week was the dual track meet in which the University of Colorado defeated Leland Stanford University, the western slope champions and the team which took second place in the meet at Chicago this spring, by a score of 62 to 55.

Brother Lamb was one of the team which won the doubles in the tennis tournament the past spring. Brother Haley catcher on the 'varsity baseball team for the past two seasons has been elected to captain the 1910 team.

The plan of the campus was greatly changed this spring, a new entrance being made, the drives around the quadrangle changed, the walks widened and avenues of trees planted along them. The Gugenheim Law Building is progressing rapidly and will be ready for occupancy when the fall term opens. Wings are being added to each end of the Hale Scientific Building, and the university power plant permanently housed. Several of the professors are in Europe on a year's leave of absence studying, and several of them abroad only for the summer. The University of Colorado summer school is just closed after the most successful session and largest enrollment in its history.

Among the Phis spending the summer at Colorado Alpha chapter house are Professors Waugh of the University of Chicago, Calhoun of South Carolina and Throop of Washington University.

Colorado Alpha expects to return at least twenty men for the session 1909-10, and her prospects for the year are bright.

Boulder, July 31, 1909.

J. D. L. MCPHEETERS.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

Since the last issue of THE SCROLL Emory has had her ever enjoyable commencement. This year we lost by graduation, Brothers H. Y. McCord, A.B., and C. C. Hinton, Ph.B. The latter is now attending the medical department of Chicago University. We sincerely feel the loss of these brothers from the active chapter, but their efforts for the good of the chapter will still be untiring and zealous.

Brother Stiles has recently been elected business manager of the college magazine *The Phoenix*. Brothers Hinton, '09, Christian, P.H., '10, Hoovell, '10, Benton, '11, and Powell, '12, were elected speakers on the commencement program. Brother Hinton won the *Phoenix* prize essay medal and Brother Christian O. B. the Posco physics medal.

The corner stone of our new building the Allen Memorial Chapel was laid during commencement and the structure is being rapidly erected.

Lately a good number of our alumni have been guests of the chapter and especially at the close of the term. We always welcome the brothers and they have a cordial invitation to drop in on us at any time.

With the satisfaction of having a number of good men in sight for the fall opening, we feel safe in saying that our prospects for the year are bright indeed.

PAUL H. CHRISTIAN.

Oxford, July 26, 1909.

GEORGIA DELTA, GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

The year of 1908-9 has been one of the most successful in the history of Georgia Tech. Over six hundred students have registered here this

year. Diplomas were given a class of thirty-five, by President K. G. Malluson at the Grand Opera House, June 17. After the exercises the annual alumni banquet was held, an event thoroughly enjoyed by the new members.

In athletics Tech has had a very good year. With a green team Coach Heisman succeeded in winning the majority of the football games last fall and worked up a good foundation for next year. The baseball team did better than was expected and lost only one series during the season.

This same year has been a great one in the history of Georgia Delta as well. One of the youngest fraternities here, they have taken a chapter house this year, and are so elated with their success that an energetic movement has been started to build one of their own. In spite of the extra expense Georgia Delta has finished up the year in as good, if not better financial condition than ever before. In collegiate work Georgia Delta is keeping her place in the lead. Several honors have been held by members, among them being president of the athletic association and assistant editor of the annual held by Brother J. G. Chapman. Brother L. L. Bell was manager of the track team. On the athletic field Georgia Delta has been especially well represented, Brothers Buchanan, Bell, Smith, and Ely being on the football team. On the baseball team were Brothers Armstead, Buchanan (Capt.), Holland, Solomon, and Hanseal. Brother Buchanan was re-elected captain and again given All-Southern catcher and captain. Brother Holland was made All-Southern substitute infielder.

Besides being entertained at a banquet given in our honor by the Atlanta Alumni Club, Georgia Delta gave one of the prettiest dances given at Tech. this year.

Four of the strongest men Georgia Delta has were graduated this year. They were Brothers L. I. Bell, J. G. Chapman, Wm. Murphy, and E. W. Smith. This leaves us, however, fourteen men, all of whom we expect to return next year. Besides these we have already pledged five good men and expect to get our usual share of the new material in the fall.

G. S. JONES.

Atlanta, June 22, 1909.

IDAHO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO.

With the opening of the collegiate activities this fall, Idaho expects a larger increase in attendance than ever before. Several reasons are given for this. One is that the new administration building is to be used for the first time. One wing, containing the large auditorium, remains to be completed. The new central heating plant will soon be completed. Another reason, equally important, is the adding of a three years course in law, and four years courses in forestry and veterinary science.

Brother John McLean (Minnesota) has been made head of the law department. Idaho now has the honor of being the only college in the northwest having more than one Phi on the faculty.

Commencement exercises were held June 5 to 9. They will long be remembered by the Phis, who were present. On June 7, was held the first annual banquet of Idaho Alpha. Besides the active chapter, there were present thirteen of our alumni, also Brothers Gurney, (Colby, '99). Lee, (Washington, '05); and McLean, (Minnesota). Brother Lee was toastmaster. The following toasts were responded to:

Kappa Phi Alpha, Its Founders and Early Struggles.....	
.....	Fred. H. McConnel, Idaho, '02.
Phi Delta Theta,	Lawrence E. Gurney, Colby, '99.
The Pittsburgh Convention	Burton L. French, Idaho, '01.
Idaho Alpha	Chas. M. Johnson, Idaho, '09
Looking Backward.....	Walter M. Meyers, Idaho, '07.
Sisters in the Bond	G. Gifford Fawcett, Idaho, '09
Hyperlunie Palpalogies....	Chas. A. Montandon, Idaho, '06
The Duties of an Active Member.....	William V. Leonard, Idaho, '10

Many impromptu speeches were given.

The following have joined the ranks of the alumni as a result of graduation: Carleton G. Coffin, Boise; G. G. Fawcett, Palouse, Wash.; Chas. M. Johnson, Idaho Falls, and Frank Magee, Spokane, Wash., who expect to study medicine; Howard David, Moscow, who will work for the Ft. Wayne Electric Works, Chas. Colver, Idaho Falls, and Ray Peebler, who, will take advanced work in some eastern college.

The honorary debating fraternity T K A has established a chapter here. Brother Ray E. Peebler is a member. The battalion of cadets spent a very enjoyable week in Seattle, June 10 to 17. The larger part of the expense of the trip was borne by the State. Several of the members of our chapter were in the party, and while there became acquainted with many Phis. Brother Chas. Colver, '09, has been awarded the highest honors for the year by the faculty.

Besides initiating Phikeia Harry Marsh, we have initiated the following of our alumni: Clarence L. Weckstrom, '07, Kellogg; Fred H. McConnel, '02, Caldwell; Delos E. Cornwall, '03, Moscow; Chas. A. Montandon, '06, St Maries; John W. McFall, '06, Shoshone; John R. Good, '07, Boise; Gustus L. Larson, '07, Wardner; Walter M. Meyers, '07, Murray; Chas. H. Armstrong, '00, Wenatchee, Wash.; Jesse L. Rains, '01, Grangeville; George E. Horton, '06, Spokane, Wash.; Norman B. Addison, '07, Grangeville; Harry H. Reeves, '08, Spokane, Wash.; and Walker R. Young, '08, Moscow. We take great pleasure in presenting these men to the Fraternity as brothers.

JAMES B. HAYS.

Moscow, June 19, 1909.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Since our last SCROLL letter, Illinois Alpha has celebrated its semi-centennial at the close of a very successful year. We all felt that the spirit of fellowship displayed at the reunion smoker more than repaid our efforts, and it is a source of gratification to the chapter that the alumni voted to have an annual celebration. We cannot value too highly this continuing loyalty of the alumni, and look forward to many repetitions of the good time we had last June.

Northwestern has been taking a brace that is bound to result in a greater university than ever. The completion of our new gymnasium, the opening of the engineering school, and prospects for dormitories are factors in this boom, and promise great things for Northwestern. Φ Δ Θ expects to be right in on the boom, and we look forward to a very good year. On account of the increased attendance owing to the engineering school, we are especially anxious to know of all men of Φ Δ Θ type who are coming here.

The brothers are scattered all over the country this summer, but all look forward to another strenuous year together next fall.

Evanston, August 6, 1909.

C. A. ALDRICH.

ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

The seventy-first convocation was held June 15 at which time 391 degrees and titles were conferred. This number was about the same as last year, and much larger than the year before. We have, therefore, just cause to feel proud of this showing, for convocation is a quarterly affair here. Over three thousand people sat in the open air in Hutchinson Court and listened to the ceremonies and address of Professor George Adam Smith of Glasgow, upon "American and Other Interests in the Relations of Christianity and Islam."

It had been hoped that the corner-stone of the Harper Memorial Library would be laid at this time, but necessary delays rendered this impossible. Consequently, the ceremony will not take place until fall when the university will make it the event of a special holiday.

The Fraternity has been honored by the election to the inter-fraternity class organizations of Brothers Moses, Harris, Timmermeister and McLaughlin. Brother Steffen was elected to the Blackfriars, a comic opera club.

On the evening of June 5, we gave a smoker to the alumni at the chapter-house. Plans for the advancement of the interests of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ at Chicago were discussed, and with the hearty co-operation of our alumni we hope for a very prosperous year. We shall, indeed, greatly appreciate it if those who know of any entering students will notify the reporter.

Chicago, July 1, 1909.

LYMAN K. GOULD.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

Knox College begins a new era with the opening of school this fall and the prospects are bright for a record breaking freshman class. Last winter the trustees of the school successfully carried out a campaign for an endowment fund amounting to a quarter of a million dollars and the school now stands on a firm financial basis. As an outcome of this, plans are now being made for a new \$50,000 science hall and one of the features of commencement week last spring was the breaking of the ground for the new building. The real feature of commencement, however, was the senior class play in which Brothers Scammon, Jay, Hinchliff, Ohler and McClelland took part.

Shortly before the closing of the school year the athletic association met and selected captains and managers for the track and baseball teams for the spring of 1910. Brother Noble was chosen to captain the ball team and Brother K. Aldrich was elected manager.

The outlook for football this fall is rather doubtful as very few of the old players are expected to be in the game.

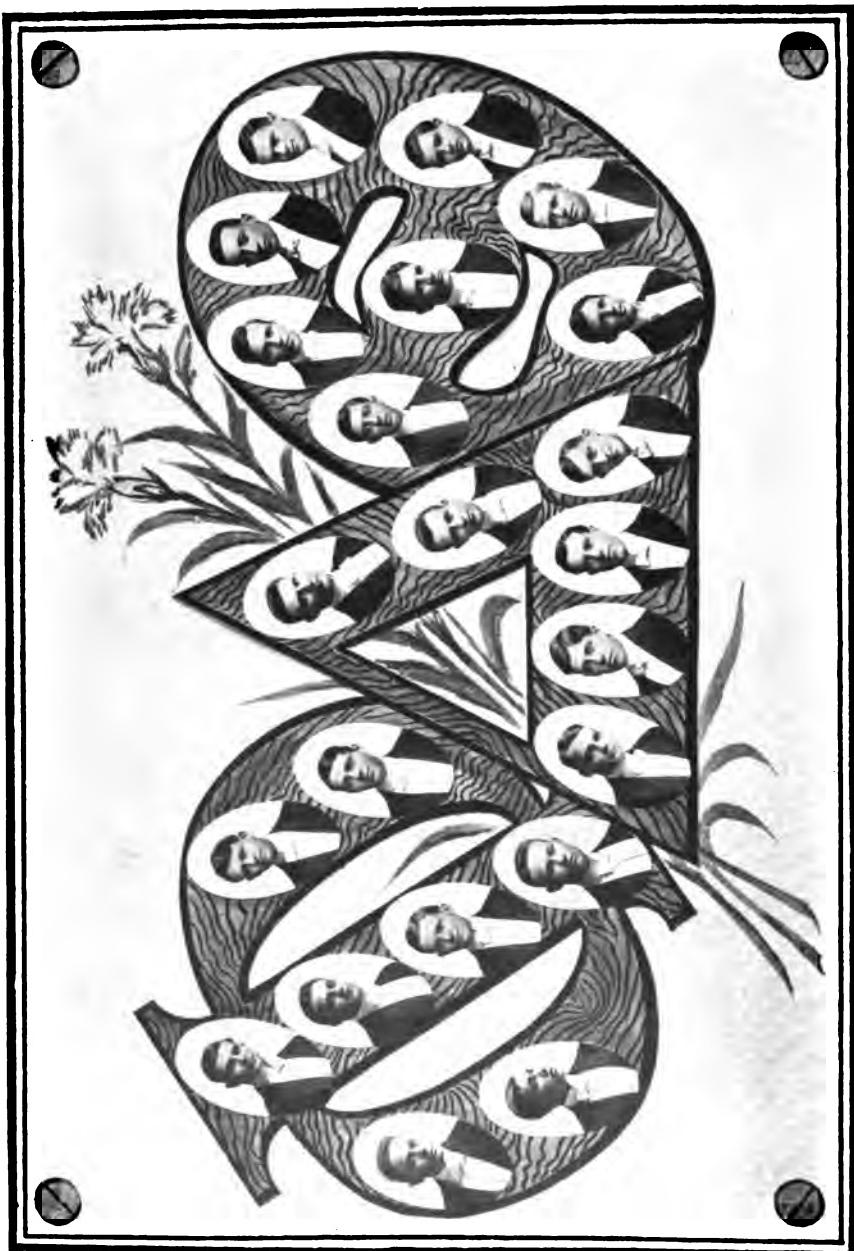
J. K. ALDRICH.

Galesburg, July 24, 1909.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD COLLEGE.

At commencement time the members of Illinois Zeta enjoyed visits from several of the alumni of the chapter. The program for the week was very interesting and we wish more of the older brothers could meet with us every year at that time.

ILLINOIS DELTA—ACTIVE CHAPTER



Illinois Zeta is at present much interested in the new chapter house. The house is practically finished and we expect to have it all furnished by the time college opens. The house is situated on the college campus only a short distance from the main college building and has a setting of beautiful trees that adds very much to its attractiveness.

The prospects are bright for a large freshman class this fall and $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has several new men in view.

FREDERICK C. WEBSTER.

Galesburg, July 31, 1909.

ILLINOIS ETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

We have just completed one of the most successful years in the history of our chapter and the number of men who were graduated, is especially noteworthy. Though the active chapter regrets very much the loss of nine men it is indeed remarkable that such a fine crowd of fellows could go out with so good a record and with the interests of their Fraternity so close at heart. These men are, Charles Pope, Moline; W. H. Burch, Morrison; A. T. Claycomb, Sycamore; W. W. May, Rochelle; Geo. D. Beardsley, Kansas City, Mo.; A. W. McKelvey, Sparta; L. V. Manspeaker, Champaign; E. T. Ingold, Appleton, Wis. and Ray C. Sparks of Champaign.

Illinois again annexed the western intercollegiate baseball and track honors. At no time was the victory in baseball certain until the final game was played. At the conference meet in Chicago on June 5, Illinois won from all competing teams by a good margin and led easily the strong Chicago and Stanford teams. We hope to have the conference meet in Champaign next year.

During senior week the chapter house was turned over to a house party and many out of town guests and former active Phis were entertained. Many old men take as much interest in our chapter as if they were still attending school and mixing with the active spirit of the chapter. Several of those who graduated this year will be back again next year in various capacities. E. T. Ingold, '09, has been elected graduate manager of athletics and assistant to G. Huff, and will return next year to assume these duties. Some of the brothers will continue their studies in other courses. Brother May, '09, will probably go to Seattle and take part in the athletic games there and will be a candidate for the next Olympic team. During the month of May Brother Watson, '10, was elected to Phoenix, senior honorary society; Brother Aleshire, '11, was taken into the ancient Ku Klux, society; Brother Hardman, '11, was elected to Yo-Xan, junior society; Brothers Hansell and Green, '12, to Helmet the sophomore honorary society; Brother Lyman, '11, managed the dramatic club this year and produced an original play "Two Strikes" written by a professor in the English department. It was the first original play ever produced at Illinois. Brother Lyman also helped in the production of the first American revival of the "Two Noble Kinsmen" given by student talent.

Illinois Eta introduced for the first time last month the *Champaign Shout*, a local paper published by the chapter. The success of the first issue warrants its continuance and it will appear twice during the school year hereafter.

The state legislature granted the university at its last session an appropriation of three and a half million dollars to be expended in buildings and enlarging various departments of the school.

We are looking forward to strenuous times next fall and much competition in our rushing against the fifteen other national fraternities at Illinois. Any information that may be sent us about prospective rushees will be greatly appreciated.

H. P. LYMAN.

Champaign, June 29, 1909.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

With only four exceptions all of our old members will return, and with an unusually large number of new men in view, the chapter promises to attain exceptional strength. We shall be well represented in athletics and in every other branch of student activity. It will be our policy to insist upon a high standard of scholarship and to arouse in the minds of our underclassmen a full realization of the true meaning of fraternal life.

The university will continue the rapid progress it has been making for the past five years. A handsome hall of science is already being erected and before the end of the year the construction of an immense stone and concrete open air amphitheatre is to be commenced. The class of 1909 left a large sum of money to be applied to a fund to cover the expense of the building of this amphitheatre. The structure will be one of a very few of its kind in this country, and in several respects it will be more unique than any now in existence. Brother James Sheldon will remain as athletic director at Indiana until the close of the football season, after which he will resign to enter the practice of law. It is his hope to develop a western championship team as a culminating triumph of his successful work here. An especial interest is to be taken in the student publications this year. The size of the *Daily Student* is to be doubled and it will no doubt be under the close direction of the journalism department. The monthly *Crimson* is to be pushed with new vigor; and the *Arbutus* is under such management that it can not fail to be the best annual ever produced at the state school.

Bloomington, August 15, 1909.

DON HEROLD.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

The seventy-first annual commencement exercises of Wabash College were complete in every detail. This year's senior class of fifty men was the largest ever graduated from the institution. This class was unusual in that it had a large percentage of representative men—men active in the different branches of college life. Some of the best athletes the school ever produced were members of this class, and their loss will be felt most keenly.

Indiana Beta lost seven men by graduation, Brothers Linn, Merrel, de Lorenzi, Buff, Masters, Gipe and Hawkins. All of these brothers have been earnest and consistent workers and have been untiring in their efforts to bring good material to the Fraternity and to preserve a high moral and intellectual atmosphere in the chapter.

The commencement festivities started with the annual sophomore-freshman declamation contest June 11. Brother Hays won first place in the freshmen contest and Brother De Vore took second in the sophomore.

June 12 witnessed the inter-society debate on the question, "Resolved that the United States Needs a Stronger Navy." Brother Hays again represented Indiana Beta, and with his colleagues won by a unanimous decision.

On June 14 occurred the Baldwin oratorical contest. As this contest is open only to seniors it always proves to be an interesting one. The late Judge Baldwin gave \$1,500 to the college, the interest upon which is given as a prize to the winner of this contest. Brothers Linn and Merrel represented $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, the former winning first place. During the last eight years this contest has come to us four times.

The presentation of a Greek play has become a feature of commencement at Wabash. This year the Greek department gave "Antigone." Brother Linn had the leading part, Creon, King of Thebes.

One of the most pleasant features of commencement was our last dance. Besides entertaining quite a number of new men, we had several alumni back. Phi spirit ran high and every one had a most enjoyable time.

We ended the year with six new men pledged.

During the summer the house association will install a new steam heating system in the house and replace our gas lights with electricity. With these improvements our home will be very comfortable and we can accommodate more men in the house. LAWRENCE E. DEVORE.

Crawfordsville, June 22, 1909.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER COLLEGE.

Butler College is opening this school year with a change in the form of organization. Hitherto the college has been controlled by a board of directors, elected by the stockholders, but during the summer the organization of the college was changed from a stock company to a self-perpetuating board of directors. This change was made possible by a law enacted in the last legislature. The change was necessary, in order to assure those who wished to make donations to the college, that the stockholders could never wind up the affairs of the college and divide its property. Indiana Gamma is represented on this new board by H. U. Brown, president; W. S. Moffett, treasurer and George Davis.

Prof. James W. Putnam of the University of Missouri has taken the chair of economics and political science.

Brother Walter Gipe, Indiana Beta, '09, has been engaged to coach the basketball team. He will probably be signed up for football also.

Brothers Adams and Ryan were entered in the summer school tennis tournament. Brother Ryan and his partner won the doubles. Brother Thomas won the state championship for Butler in the intercollegiate tournament. In the triangular track meet with Franklin and DePauw, Brother Roberts won the individual championship. Butler took second place in the meet.

We have pledged one man for next year and the chapter also takes pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother Ralph Stiffler, of Rushville, whom we have initiated since our last letter.

Irvington, July 25, 1909.

LEE MOFFETT.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Prospects are very flattering for increased attendance at Franklin this fall. The rushing committee has been working industriously during vacation and will be able to report good results by the time school opens.

The chapter house situation has brightened considerably since the close of school. The Indiana Delta alumni banquet held during com-

mencement week this year was made the occasion for a chapter house rally and enough money has been pledged to insure us a permanent home within a few years. We are much indebted to Brother George Banta for the enthusiastic assistance which he lent to this enterprise.

Four men, Brothers Deming, Thurston, Bryan and Selleck, were lost to the chapter by graduation last spring but eleven men will return this fall and these, with the new men that we are reasonably sure of pledging, will bring the chapter up to its normal size.

Brother Edwin L. Deming who was selected graduate manager of athletics has resigned to accept a position in Salt Lake City. Brother Lyman Hall, football manager, has arranged the best schedule that a Franklin team has had in years, having games with every important secondary school in the state. Brother Overstreet is captain of the team and the chapter is further represented on the team by Brothers Ritchey, quarterback, and Donaker, tackle. The outlook for a winning team was never better.

ARTHUR C. BROWN.

Franklin, July 26, 1909.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

Hanover will open in September with 300 students and three new professors. The prospects for Indiana Epsilon are excellent. The alumni have stepped in and are conducting an active spike. While only three old men will return, we have at this date pledged four strong men who will be on hand for the rushing season, and we hope to have pledged as many more before the season opens. This will put us more than on a par with the other fraternities. Besides we will have the assistance of several of the alumni.

Commencement went off with the usual spirit. Quite a number of old Phis were back and had a happy reunion. Brothers D. C. Reynolds and L. MacDill were graduated. Brother MacDill was graduated *magna cum laude* and was salutatorian of the class. He also won the Shelby science medal given by Brother Shelby of the class of '95, for superior work in the science department. Brother C. E. Huffer of Albion, Mich., was elected president of the college alumni association. Brother D. C. Reynolds responded to the class toast at the alumni banquet.

Brother H. C. Montgomery, '80, of Seymour, Ind., has resigned from the superintendency of the Seymour schools to take charge of the Hanover Academy. The academy is now a separate institution, and offers all the courses now taken in a first class high school.

Hanover, July 30, 1909.

LESLIE MACDILL.

INDIANA THETA, PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

We can safely say that Purdue is coming up in athletics. The memorial gymnasium has at last been completed and is ready for use. With the gym comes Coach Ralph Jones, late of Wabash, as physical director and basketball coach. We now have a staff of coaches of which any school may be proud. Brother Speik in football; Jones, basketball; Wilson, track and in baseball Hugh Nichol who has turned out the western championship team for the last two years.

Indiana Theta lost seven seniors this year. They were all strong men and their loss will be a severe one to the chapter. The coming senior class, however, contains seven men that are well able to undertake the

running of the chapter. We expect an especially brilliant year for $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ at Purdue. One reason is, we have started a new \$20,000 house which will be by far the best at Purdue. It will be completed sometime during the early fall and we hope we can entertain many visiting brothers.

DYER BUTTERFIELD.

West Lafayette, June 27, 1909.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

With the close of this year ended one of the best years in the history of Iowa Alpha. The progress has been very marked both internally and externally. Never has there been more interest in the chapter work and regular meetings; never have our freshmen worked as hard to keep up their part as those of this year and never were prospects better than for the coming year.

We lost by graduation Brothers Ray I. Tennant and C. E. Stuber. At present we are expecting all the other men to return. We have pledged for next year two men from this year's class of the Mt. Pleasant high school.

It is a settled fact that Iowa Alpha will have a chapter house in the near future. A great number of alumni were back during commencement and on the evening of June 15 a reunion and banquet was held, where over a thousand dollars was pledged by those who had not previously given anything. This now makes over four thousand dollars pledged and a committee is now at work raising enough to make a total of five thousand dollars before the building is started. It is expected that this will soon be done and that the house will be well started before cold weather.

With prospects so fine for a good chapter and a new house in sight we are looking forward to a great year next year.

Mt. Pleasant, July 17, 1909.

C. E. STUBER.

IOWA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Iowa University last June held its forty-ninth annual commencement. The splendid weather which prevailed made it one of the best commencements ever held at Iowa City. Iowa Beta had three members who received diplomas, R. E. Smith and James L. Oakes from the liberal arts college and Wm. E. Purcell from the college of law.

The following is the program of commencement exercises: Friday, June 11, graduation exercises of literary societies; Sunday, June 13, baccalaureate services, with Dean Shailer Mathews of Chicago University as the leading speaker; Monday, May 14, class breakfast and class day program by the liberal arts seniors; Tuesday, June 15, commencement frolic, by the seniors in all colleges. In the stunt field meet the medics tied the liberal arts; Wednesday, June 16, graduation exercises. Address by Harry Pratt Judson, president of Chicago University. Alumni dinner.

Iowa Beta expects to be in good shape next fall. Only two of the present chapter will not return, while several members who had stayed out, have signified their intention of re-entering Iowa this fall.

$\Phi\Delta\Theta$ again won the Pan-Hellenic championship without losing a game. This makes the third cup in succession we have won excluding last year when a full schedule was not played and no cup given.

Iowa City, July 1, 1909.

HORACE C. YOUNG.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Kansas Alpha has closed a very successful year. In athletics we have had representatives in practically everything: football, baseball, basketball, track and tennis. Our membership has been large, twenty-five and twenty-six, our men have been live, participating in school activities, and our standard of scholarship has been high.

Of the twelve freshmen initiated during the year only one has left school, and of the twelve probably ten will return next fall. By graduation we lost only four men. In short about twenty men of the chapter will return in the fall, and the outlook is indeed promising for next year.

We have had men on the 'varsity and the freshman football and baseball teams, Brother Johnson winning the cup offered to the champion kicker of the university. Brother Johnson starred also in our victorious basketball team and in track. Brother Power of the law school held the title of commodore of our canoe club as well as the management of the junior farce, and glee club. Brother Poindexter had entire charge of the exercises of class day for the seniors.

On the *Kansan*, the school paper, are four Phis—Brothers Markham, Johnston, Berger and Kanaga—Markham as managing editor.

In both the dramatic clubs, the glee club, the annual opera, the orchestra, the band and the junior farce our men have taken part.

Lawrence, July 2, 1909.

CHARLES J. ROBINSON.

KENTUCKY ALPHA-DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

The eighty-ninth annual commencement was a banner one for the university, graduating many unusually fine fellows. Among the graduates were Brothers G. F. Lee and Shelton St. Clair. We regret to say that these two men will be with us no longer, but take great pleasure in extending to them our highest appreciation for the great help they have been both to the Fraternity and the university.

During the summer several men will work the state for new students. We have already heard of several fine football players who will wear our uniform this year. Under the leadership of Brother Duffy and Mr. Banks coaching, we are expecting a team that will do honor to our institution. Ten of the eleven men will return and some will have to hustle to hold their positions.

W.M. C. ANDERSON.

Danville, June 24, 1909.

KENTUCKY EPSILON, KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY.

The university closed June 5 after a most successful and profitable year. The increase in attendance due to the addition of the departments of law and medicine about balanced the decrease due to the moving of the normal department and the raising of the entrance requirements. Kentucky State now requires fifteen units, the same as the best universities in the East.

The inter-collegiate track meet was held on our grounds May 14, and we were easily first. Brother Threlkeld won the half mile and was second in the quarter mile. Brother B. Franklin tied for second place in the pole vault. In baseball we were not so successful, losing three games to Central University.

Kentucky Epsilon graduated three men this year, Brothers Stout,

Reddish and Cook. Brothers Stout and Cook have accepted engineering positions while Brother Reddish will take the medical course at Johns Hopkins.

We will return ten men and three pledges which will make an average sized chapter. We did not lose any men except by graduation.

Our annual dance was held May 28 and was pronounced a most enjoyable affair.

We have engaged Mr. E. R. Sweetland, who coached Colgate last year as our football and track coach and it was due largely to his excellent work that we were so successful in track this spring.

We expect to see the new building for the departments of physics and civil engineering opened by September 1. Plans are being looked over for a chapter house and our alumni have promised us that we will own a house in a year at most.

JAMES W. CARY.

Lexington, July 24, 1909.

LOUISIANA ALPHA, TULANE UNIVERSITY.

The prospects for a successful year were never brighter. Ten of our old men are returning, and we have two pledged, and four excellent men in view. Of those who graduated last year, Brother Miles Watkins is doing hospital work; Brother Edward Brannin is practicing medicine in Dallas, Texas; and Brother James Fortier, A. B., is taking up law, and will be with us two years longer. Brother Fortier has been elected business manager of the *Tulane Weekly*.

The university has recently established a department of dentistry by the absorption of the New Orleans College of Dentistry. A department of domestic science is to be established at Newcomb College. Prof. John Hanno Deiler, professor of the German language and literature, is dead. His successor has not yet been appointed. The summer school was a complete success, the attendance reaching a thousand. This large attendance is probably due to the fact that the summer school gave an excellent opportunity for the removal of conditions.

We are glad that our turn to have the Theta Province convention in New Orleans has come again. We are anxious to have the date of this convention fixed for about February 8 (Mardi Gras), so that the delegates and visiting Phis (and we hope there will be many) will have the opportunity to see the winter capital of America at its best.

New Orleans, July 23, 1909.

MICHAEL PROVOSTY.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY COLLEGE.

Colby College commencement week June 26 to 30 has come and gone. It was a decided success throughout, owing to the careful management and supervision of Brother President Roberts, '90. More old grads than ever returned this year to renew old acquaintances and talk over old times with the boys.

We have just moved into a new chapter house, leased from the college. It is a great improvement over our former house. We are not settled as yet only getting our parlors fixed up in time to hold our annual reunion on Tuesday evening, June 29, of commencement week. President Roberts, other alumni, and undergraduates spoke in a very entertaining manner on Colby's welfare and the glorious future of ΦΔΘ.

We lose seven members by graduation this year but we have five men

pledged to make up for this loss. Brothers Mixer, '09, Dean, '09, and Pease, '10, had commencement parts. The commencement dinner held on Wednesday in Memorial Hall following the graduation exercises in the forenoon was a huge success, many noted alumni being present, among them Hon. Asher C. Hinds, and Prof. Shailer Matthews of the University of Chicago.

The Maine intercollegiate baseball championship series ended in a rather remarkable manner this season, each of the four colleges, Bates, Bowdoin, Colby and University of Maine winning and losing three games each with Colby a favorite. Brothers Baker, '09, Shaw, '09 (captain), and Cary, '10, represented $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ on the team. Brother Cary has been chosen captain for next season to succeed Brother Shaw. This makes four successive years that a Phi has captained our baseball team.

Brother Pease, '10, will be business manager of the *Colby Echo* for next year. Brother Jordan, '12, has been elected class president. Brother Allen, '11, has been chosen manager of the musical clubs.

Colby's prospects for next year seem brighter than ever. While last year's entering class was a record breaker, present indications are that next fall their number will be exceeded.

CROWELL E. PEASE.

Waterville, July 23, 1909.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

The exercises of the one hundred and fifteenth commencement of Williams College were held during the week of June 21. The commencement was noteworthy this year because of the fact that so many alumni were back. The classes which held reunions this year were the five year classes beginning with '59, which celebrated its semi-centennial anniversary, and the classes of '06 and '08.

During the last month of college both the track and baseball teams completed successful seasons. On May 8 in a dual meet at Williams-town, Amherst was decisively beaten, but the team lost to Dartmouth the following Saturday at Hanover. On May 22 and 23 at Brookline, Williams won third place in the New England intercollegiate which was a fitting close to the season. Brother Horrax, '09, captained the team and was its mainstay in all of the meets. Brothers Alexander, '10, Starrett and Lester, '11, were also on the team.

The baseball team closed its season with a winning streak. Of the last nine games played six were victories. Amherst, Dartmouth, Vermont, Holy Cross, Cornell and Wesleyan were defeated while games were lost to Harvard, Amherst and Dartmouth. Brother Lambie was regular 'varsity catcher.

The usual sophomore prom festivities were held the last week in May. Three fraternities including $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ entertained girls at the houses and our house party was pronounced a grand success by the entire chapter.

On May 31 three members of our 1910 delegation, Brothers Alexander, Holley and Lambie were elected to Gargoyle, the senior honorary society. Brother Fisher, '11, has been elected one of the two associate editors of the *Record*. Brother Starrett has been awarded his "W" for work on the track team during the past season.

College opens September 16 and the whole chapter expects to be back early prepared to work hard during the fall rushing season.

Williamstown, July 9, 1909.

J. D. LESTER.

MASSACHUSETTS BETA, AMHERST COLLEGE.

Amherst looks optimistically forward as she swings into another year, for a combination of circumstances have brought about new conditions; alumni spirit, inter-fraternity cordiality and steadily increasing numbers and scholarship in the college are the contributing features. Athletic teams are very much in the ascendant and the balance of power between scholarship and athletics seems to have reached an equilibrium at last with the individual student; one Φ B K man, another going through college in three and one-half years and not a single condition on the team is direct evidence to this effect in our baseball nine of this last season.

Baseball honors among the college pitchers of the year rest with Brothers McClure and Schultz of Pennsylvania. Three no-hit games against Williams, the Navy and West Point; six shut-outs, one against Yale 4 to 0 with one hit; and three one-hit games is Brother McClure's record.

Our chapter has never worked together in such harmony as has existed the past year; the fraternity house has been a home in truth, and the results have been correspondingly great. Brother McClure, '10, was elected to the presidency of Scarab at the close of the year, the highest honor of college honors, Scarab governing student customs as the senior society; Brother Vernon, '12, won his letter in baseball and shows considerable promise as a pitcher, with this year's experience behind him.

One result of the chapters activity at this writing is three pledges, all men of mental as well as physical ability, and there are several more in sight.

GEORGE L. TREADWELL.

Amherst, July 12, 1909.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The last month of school was crowded with events which aided in bringing the past year to a successful close. As the time drew near for the seniors to relinquish their hold upon student affairs elections were numerous to fill the vacancies. Michigan Alpha came in for her share. Almost every man who returns next year will be prominently identified with one or more of the student activities and we feel that a good year is before us.

Brothers Shafroth and Lawshe were elected members of the Press Club, Brother Shafroth being one of the four editorial assistants for the daily, and Brother Lawshe was elected managing editor of the 1910 *Michiganensian*, the senior annual. Brother Shafroth was also elected to Druids, the senior literary honor society. He won his "M" on the tennis team which had a very successful season.

The baseball team invaded the East and brought back enough victories to make up for the defeats we suffered there in football last fall. They defeated Cornell, Worcester and Brown and won one and lost one game to Syracuse. The season's record was eighteen games played, lost two and tied one. The two games lost were each, one of a series.

Our four seniors have gone out to face the world. Brother Idema will penetrate the woods of Wisconsin engaged in the lumber business. Brother Hoover will go to Tennessee to engage in phosphate mining. Brother Patterson will identify himself with engineering companies near

his home in Colorado. Brother Oakes is undecided but will endeavor to associate himself with an electrical engineering company.

During commencement week many old graduates were back attending class reunions. We were favored by visits from Brothers Geo. C. Harris, '66, of Franklin, Ky., one of our oldest alumni, and H. M. Beebe, '06, and bride.

We will return about seventeen strong on September 27, ten days before classes begin, and be ready for rushing the men of 1913. This will do us a great favor by sending in the names and time of arrival of any freshman friends they can recommend. These men will be carefully looked up and every possible courtesy extended to them.

Ann Arbor, June 26, 1909.

JAS. S. LAWSHE.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

On June 1 the university closed most successfully the forty-second year of its existence. The graduating class was well over the five hundred mark and commencement week was one continuous round of pleasure. The past year has been no less successful for Minnesota Alpha, which at all times has been second to none in all kinds of activities, athletic, social, dramatic, debating, press, inter-fraternity and others.

Our chapter loses two men by graduation, but about twelve men will return and with the four pledges we already have, our condition is the best. Brother G. B. Frankforter acted as host to the chapter at a final get-together last spring, and a most splendid host he proved. We thank him heartily.

Our hearts and hands are entirely taken up with the new chapter house project, and we hope to occupy our own home, if not during 1909-10, then soon after.

Four of the brothers are attending summer school, which is in session June 21 to July 30. Several have been attracted to the Seattle fair, while others are rusticating on the dear old farm, gathering their energies for the coming year which opens about September 15.

The editors of *The Billboard* are sharpening their wits and pencils and hope to publish the second number the first thing next fall.

Minnesota's tennis team won practically everything there was in sight last spring. The track team, although not a howling success, was an immense improvement and shows what can be done under proper coaching. With a nucleus of M. men including Brother Johnston, Dr. Williams should be successful from the start in football.

The banking business seems to be a great lure for our men, Brothers J. T. Tryon, '10, U. T. Mather, '10, and F. J. Blanchett, '09, having recently entered banks in Minnesota and South Dakota. We wish them all success.

T. ALBERT PEPPARD.

Minneapolis, July 1, 1909.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

On June 2 the most successful year in the history of the university was brought to a close. After a week of enjoyment commencement ended on Tuesday night June 2 with the commencement ball. The following morning the students left for their respective homes.

Mississippi Alpha, as well as the university, ended a very pleasant

and successful year. We were glad to have among us many of our alumni to help us enjoy commencement. One of many treats we had during commencement was the initiation of Kenneth G. Price, of Magnolia. We take pleasure at this time in introducing him to the Fraternity. After the initiation a feed was enjoyed by the alumni and chapter. Brother Lamar Hardy, New York City, was one of the speakers at the alumni banquet.

In baseball last spring, although we lost the state championship to A. & M. College of Starkville, we had a very successful season, losing only two series. Brother J. C. Fair played star ball at first. The team was weakened considerably by the loss of Brother L. P. Jones, captain, who had to withdraw from school on account of sickness.

Brother F. M. Witty, editor in chief of *Ole Miss*, put out one of the best annuals ever gotten out at the university. Brother Rundle Smith was elected business manager of *Ole Miss* for next year. Brother D. N. Powers was given the position of secretary to Chancellor Kincannon for next year. He will continue his course in college.

We lost two of our chapter by graduation in June. Brothers Geo. W. McCabe and Faysen M. Smith finished in law. Brother Smith won the Edward Thompson prize for the best article written on a legal question. This entitles him to \$200 worth of law books.

Basketball was introduced at the university last year. Much interest was shown in it and a fairly good team was gotten together, so next year we hope to put out a first class team. Brother D. N. Powers was a member of the team.

We have given up our club room of last year and next year we will have new and more commodious quarters. Brother F. C. Lee was elected business manager of the glee club for '00-'10, he was also a member of last year's orchestra.

Work has been started on the new Carnegie Library and when completed we will have one of the best libraries in the South. The present library building will be used for the law building.

We will return eight men and prospects for a good chapter next year are very bright.

WILLIAM T. WYNN.

University, July 27, 1909.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Missouri Alpha has just completed its thirty-ninth year in its usual good condition, graduating Brothers Oliver Howell and Harrison in the college of law, Brothers Moore and Forgrave in the college of arts and sciences, and Brother Westover in civil engineering.

The prospects for the coming rushing season are very good and with hard work before us we look forward to the coming year with every confidence.

Commencement week this year has been unusually interesting inasmuch as President Eliot of Harvard was the guest of the university and delivered the graduating address to the largest class which has ever received diplomas from this institution.

The June ball given by President Hill in Rothwell Gymnasium was a most brilliant affair. The decorations were most tastefully and beautifully arranged, and the exquisitely gowned women lent an insurpassable charm to the evening. The senior ball was one of the most pleasant

dances of the year. Brother Harrison made one of the hits of the evening in the senior play as "Charlie," a college rah rah boy. Brother Howell also had a part in the cast. The baseball game between the 'varsity and the alumni was won by the alumni, showing that they had forgotten none of their old time skill on the diamond. The baseball team had a very successful season winning three out of four games from Kansas and the Missouri Valley championship according to the percentage of total games played. The track team got third place in the Missouri Valley conference.

R. P. WATERS.

Columbia, June 3, 1909.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

The annual banquet of Missouri Beta was held June 7. Those of the alumni present were E. C. Henderson (toast-master), J. S. Morrison, C. McPheeters, C. F. Lamkin, and R. M. White. Brother William Harrison was a visitor from Missouri Alpha.

During the commencement of Westminster College the degree of master of arts was conferred upon one of our alumni, J. S. Morrison. President Hill of Missouri University delivered the address commencement day instead of Governor Hadley who was called to his father's bedside.

The curriculum of Westminster College has been considerably raised and the courses offered made more elective. Professors C. C. Knight and K. Van Evera will leave college to go as missionaries to the foreign field. Frank L. Timpkin formerly of Coe College will be head football coach this year. Brother S. K. Black Jr. last year's baseball captain will not return to school this fall. Brothers Chas. B. Allen, Hugh B. Pankey, Osie L. McIntire, Alfred S. Brown, Howard Bradshaw and Bryan M. Wilson were graduated in June. Brother Jno. T. Ready attended summer school at Missouri University, but expects to return to Westminster this fall. Missouri Beta returns seven pledges this fall.

Fulton, July 22, 1909.

W. B. SMITH.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The second semester at Nebraska has just drawn to a close; and it marks the most successful year that $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has ever had at this university. We have had an active membership of twenty-four all semester. In the fore part of this semester, Brother Schock was taken sick. After a confinement of six weeks in the hospital, he withdrew his name from the university roll. When leaving he assured all that he would return in the fall.

Early in March a number of the senior law students were invited to take the government law examination for a certain position in the government land office in South Dakota. Brother McCutchen was successful in securing this position. He was admitted to the bar of South Dakota about the first of April, and was given credit by the board of examiners for handing in the best paper ever received in South Dakota. The students of Nebraska as well as the members of this chapter are proud of the success of Dan McCutchen.

The commencement exercises were begun on Sunday, June 6, and ended Thursday, June 10. The conferring of degrees took place on June 10. Brother Howard was graduated from the civil engineering

department; Brother Gant from the electrical engineering department, and Brother Amos Thomas from the law school. Brother Howard has accepted a position in Idaho. Brother Gant has gone to Oklahoma, where a very fine position is awaiting him. As yet Brother Thomas has not definitely decided what he will do. Brother Thomas took a prominent part in the senior play which was given June 9. The local papers gave him great credit for his remarkable ability as an actor.



NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA—ACTIVE CHAPTER.

We expect to begin with a chapter of twenty-one this fall. All except our three graduates have promised to return. Brother Birkner, right half on last year's eleven is now in Alaska working for the government. He does not expect to return before the first of November. All the students of the university hope that he will change his mind, and return early in the fall, with greater vigor than ever to uphold the honor of Nebraska University on the gridiron.

Brother Metcalfe who played a very scientific game at short stop on the 'varsity team this spring is now at Lead, South Dakota, working in

the mines. Metcalfe is anticipating a place on the 'varsity football this fall, and every one is certain that after a summer of such work nothing will be able to keep him off the team. Brother Gibson, who for some time has been an active man in the affairs of the Gibson Sheep Co. of Douglas, Wyo., expects to return in the fall and complete his course at the agricultural college. The interfraternity rushing rules have again been changed. Instead of having the rushing season from October 15, to November 20, as formerly, it will be from October 1, to 11, but we will not be able to initiate our pledges until after the first semester. All the fraternities here greatly favor this change. RALPH G. COAD.

Lincoln, June 24, 1909.



LIVING ROOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

The one hundred and fortieth commencement of Dartmouth, observed by the class of 1909 June 27 to 30 inclusive, was unusually significant in that it marks the close of the administration of Dartmouth's venerable and beloved president, Dr. William Jewett Tucker. His resignation is looked upon with the greatest sorrow by the faculty, alumni and undergraduates of the college, and his loss as active head of the college will be keenly felt by "The New Dartmouth" which he helped so nobly to complete. Dr. Tucker's successor is Dr. Ernest Fox Nichols, late of Columbia University. The choice is a most popular one, not only in the college, but in the whole educational world. There is no doubt that

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHAS—ACTIVE CHAPTER.



Dartmouth will prosper under the new regime as it did under the old. Those of the chapter graduating with the class of 1909 are, Brothers Brett, Cowles, Cushman, French, Graff, Howland, Thompson, and Schwartz. Brother Cowles was one of the commencement speakers, and Brother Howland was floor director of the commencement ball.

On May 30, New Hampshire Alpha's baseball team went down in defeat before the strong aggregation of Massachusetts Beta at Amherst. The score was 7 to 2. Fourteen of the Brothers went on the trip to the sister college and a most pleasant two days was spent. It is hoped by both chapters that this custom will be continued. For the chapter in general, the college year just passed has been a most prosperous one in every respect, and all the brothers are looking forward to a reunion in the fall.

EVERARD S. PRATT.

Hanover, July 1, 1909.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

When the university year of 1908-09 ended, New York Alpha completed its 37th year. It was a successful and happy year for the chapter and for each one of its members. By graduation we lose but two men, Brothers Bohlen and Patterson, thereby leaving the chapter twenty-six men with which to start out a new year. We also have three men pledged.

Navy week this spring was made quite a social event. There were numerous house parties and our visitors were afforded plenty of entertainment by the Savage Club show, senior ball, Harvard baseball game, Harvard-Cornell joint musical concert, Harvard boat races, Pennsylvania baseball game and several other affairs.

Brother Mac Arthur, although suffering from an operation performed on his neck, was entered in the intercollegiate and considering the circumstances, did very well. Brother Names who rowed seven in the freshman boat last year, retained his seat in the successful junior 'varsity boat which won the American Henley races at Philadelphia; he also pulled number seven oar in the 'varsity boat which was victorious over the speedy Harvard shell. What our crews will do at Poughkeepsie on July 2, remains to be seen.

Brothers Mac Arthur and Names were elected to the honorary society Aleph Samoch. Brothers Kulin and Kennedy were taken into Nalauda Club.

A full set of Robert Louis Stevenson's works is the latest addition to our library. We are indebted to the class of 1912 for the gift.

During the summer vacation, our house is to be equipped throughout with electricity, and numerous other changes will be made in the decorations and furniture.

Owing to a new fraternity ruling in the university, the rushing of new men will not commence till September 25, and will continue for five or six weeks.

W. H. KENNEDY.

Ithaca, June 24, 1909.

NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Although the summer vacation is well advanced, Columbia University is still a very busy place. Over one thousand students are registered in the summer school. This seems to be a remarkable showing, considering

that this is but its third session. Some are there to remove conditions made in the regular term course, while others are endeavouring to complete in three years the requirements for a degree. It opened this year on July 8, and closes August 17.

Commencement week was a jolly one and the last toast drunk was to the success of the 'varsity crew. All who witnessed the race on July 2, pronounced it the most exciting and beautiful race held for many years. For the first mile Cornell led with Syracuse three or more lengths behind, and with Columbia a length behind Syracuse. But after the first mile Columbia began to pick up. Rowing in magnificent form she caught and then passed Syracuse, and started off for the Cornell eight. The tremendous crowd on the shore cheered madly and the excitement in the Columbia and Cornell camps was intense. It was soon evident that the finish would be exceedingly close. But row as Columbia might, Cornell's lead was too great, and she crossed the line about five feet ahead of Columbia. Both crews were inside the best time ever made. Brother "Larry" Clapp, '10, represented the chapter on the crew.

We have nine men living at the chapter house during the summer. Preparations for a large chapter for next year are being made, and we hope for a chapter of from thirty-five to thirty-seven members. This means strenuous rushing and we look for help and names from our sister chapters.

IRWIN WHEELER.

New York, July 29, 1909.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

With the close of the college year of 1909, New York Epsilon loses by graduation eight loyal Phis. They have spent four years doing great work for their Alma Mater and their Fraternity. They will not only be missed by the brothers of the active chapter who have learned to love and respect them, but by their many friends they have made in the undergraduate body and faculty of the university. We wish them all success and happiness in their future life. They are Brothers, Waugh, Simpson, Reynolds, Baum, Bates, Mahlerwein, Kimber, and Whitmeyer.

Brother Baum won the fellowship in architecture which entitles him to a year post-graduate study in that department at the university, but Brother Baum has decided to accept a position with a large New York firm of architects.

The baseball season closed with a victory over Columbia. After the game Brother Scully was unanimously elected to captain the team for 1910. New York Epsilon was represented on the 'varsity by Brothers Scully, Whitmeyer, and Lyons.

Our crews although they did not win at the Poughkeepsie regatta this year gave our rivals Cornell a good fight getting second in the freshman and four oared races, and third in the 'varsity eight. We must take our hats off to Cornell for they certainly had three magnificent crews which was plainly shown when they established two new records in the freshman and four oared race.

Prospects for a good football team this fall are particularly bright. "Tad" Jones of Yale has been secured as coach and early training will

start around the first of September. Among the teams the 'varsity will be pitted against this season are, Yale, Carlisle Indians, Michigan, Illinois, Tufts, Fordham and Colgate.

WALTER A. DARBY.

Syracuse, July 12, 1909.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

North Carolina Beta graduated two men from the active chapter this year: Brothers H. B. Wadsworth, from the academic department, and Hugh A. Griffin, from the pharmaceutical department. Brother W. B. Hunter finished his two year course in medicine and will probably take the remaining two years at Tulane University. Brothers L. V. Dunlap and J. M. Thompson, both of whom have been pursuing the study of medicine in the Raleigh branch of the University of North Carolina's medical college, graduated this year and came up to Chapel Hill for commencement and to receive their diplomas. Since that time they have successfully passed the state board and are now full fledged M.D.s.

The graduation exercises passed off successfully and the dances will long be remembered by those who were present as the most enjoyable affairs of the kind. The only thing which occurred to mar the smoothness of commencement was the burning of the A T Ω fraternity hall on the afternoon of June 2, during the afternoon hop. The fire caused a heavy loss to the chapter, but will in all probability be rebuilt during the summer vacation.

North Carolina Beta was glad to have back as visitors during commencement, Brothers Blue of Gastonia; A. G. Mangum, of Gastonia; Ernest Thompson, of Graham; and C. A. Miseneheimer, Jr., of Charlotte.

Carolina's prospects for next year are good in everything and North Carolina Beta's are equally good. At least eight of the old men will be back and three or four old Phis, who have been out of college for a year, are expected back.

FLOYD G. WHITNEY.

Chapel Hill, July 1, 1909.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

The last traces of our centennial are disappearing with the tearing down of the out door auditorium, which accommodated our guests during commencement week, but the centennial itself will long be remembered, and especially by the members of Ohio Alpha. Every moment was full of interest, our house was filled with alumni, dating from Dr. A. A. Barnett, '51, our oldest living alumnus, and the oldest living Phi, up to those of the present chapter. It was certainly interesting to listen to the stories these old men told of the times when they were students at Miami.

We lost by graduation Brothers Elmer H. Hartle, Leslie L. Lee, and Solon J. Carter. Brother Hartle is now a chemist. Brother Lee is studying law in his father's office at Lawrenceville, Ill., and Brother Carter is studying the same profession at Rockville, Ind. We greatly deplore the loss of these men, but their places will be ably filled by eight other Phis who will be members of next year's senior class.

Ohio Alpha has adopted a new system, which, it is hoped, will solve the difficulty in relation to the literary part of our meetings. A committee has been appointed whose duty it is, to see, that once a month one of our alumni who has made good will come back and make an

address to the boys. We think this will be a great factor in enlivening the spirit of our alumni, as well as that of the active chapter.

The \$90,000 alumni library and the new normal college are fast nearing completion and will be ready for use in September; these two bring the number of buildings on our Campus up to nine.

Brother Carl Chapin, '11, won the "drop kick contest" gaining 39 points out of a possible 75. Brothers Carter, '09, and Earl R. Smith, '10, have been elected to the new debating fraternity of T K A. Brother Johnston, '10, has been elected alternating editor of the *Miami Student*, our weekly paper.

The engagement is announced of Brother Charles Marston Lee, '10, to Miss Florence Trisler of Georgetown. CAMPBELL S. JOHNSTON.

Oxford, July 19, 1909.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The commencement season of Ohio Wesleyan University was generally considered one of the pleasantest for years. The university has enjoyed a good year financially, and although no large bequests are recorded, the finances are in better condition than for several years. Sanborn Hall of Music was formally opened June 15, and the old conservatory is to be fitted up as a girl's dormitory on the Monnett Campus.

Our baseball team this year was one of which we are justly proud. After apparently having cinched the state championship, the honor was snatched from us by Wooster at the commencement game.

Our representative won second a place in the intercollegiate oratorical contest with DePauw, O.S.U. and Wooster.

Ohio Beta has fully kept pace with the college in its progress. The chapter loses by graduation four men, Brothers Burns, Baker, Collmer and Dewees. These men have been leaders in college and inter-fraternity circles.

On June 12, the glee and mandolin clubs gave an enjoyable entertainment, in which the chapter was represented by Brothers Collmer, leader of the glee club, Forbes, leader of the mandolin club, and Weist, Steger, R. F. Cope, Shipps and Miller.

$\Phi\Delta\Theta$ as usual received a large share of college honors conferred at this season. Brother Gilruth was elected president of the student senate, and Brother Forbes, secretary of the athletic association. Athletic W's were awarded as follows: football, Brothers Patton and Wright; basketball, Brother R. E. Cope; baseball, Brother A. L. Baker (captain); track, Brothers Pennywitt and Gilruth.

In Military, Ohio Beta will be represented next year by Captain Weist and First Lieutenant Sockman, who won the gold medal at the annual competitive drill held June 5. Debate honors were conferred on Brothers Gilruth, Weist and Sockman. The chapter expects to return practically all her old men and the prospect is bright for a good opening next fall.

Delaware, August 7, 1909.

R. W. SOCKMAN.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The college year just closed has been a very successful one for Ohio Gamma. Prospects for the coming year are bright as we did not lose a man on account of scholarship and nearly every man will return in

the fall. We lose Brothers Foster and Thomas by graduation. Their loss will be keenly felt by the chapter as both these men have been very successful in college activities.

On the evening of May 28, President and Mrs. Ellis very pleasantly entertained the active chapter and friends with a card party. We held our annual commencement dance on Tuesday evening of commencement week. A great many of our alumni were present and the affair was pronounced by all to be a success in every sense of the word. On Thursday evening of commencement week we gave a smoker at the chapter house for our alumni.

In baseball Ohio has played eight games, winning from Heidelberg, 15 to 2; Denison, 4 to 2; Ohio Wesleyan, 9 to 4; Denison, 8 to 4; and losing to Starling-Ohio Medics, 6 to 2; Denison, 8 to 6; and Ohio Wesleyan, 3 to 0 through the toughest kind of luck. Our best game was played with Wooster University, state champions, on the Ohio field. The score stood 1 to 1 at the end of the ninth inning when the game was called in order to enable Wooster to catch the train. Brother Thomas heads the batting list with a percentage of .380. Brother Wood pitched good, consistent ball throughout the season. The work of Brother Beckley as shortstop was sensational.

Ohio Gamma expects to occupy a house of her own within the coming year. A lot located near the university campus, worth \$2,000, has been secured and an effort is being made to raise sufficient money to put up a first-class chapter house. Our alumni are very enthusiastic about the matter and are giving a great deal of their time and effort.

Brother Foster was elected class valedictorian by the Class of 1909. His valedictory address delivered on commencement day was pronounced the finest of the kind ever delivered at Ohio University.

The chapter was pleased to receive visits from Brothers Trilk, Ohio Zeta; Tullis, Ohio Gamma, '98; Bennett, Ohio Gamma, '99; Stiers, Ohio Gamma, '72; Carpenter, Ohio Gamma, '08; Miller, Ohio Gamma, '06; Welch, Ohio Gamma, '92 and Sullivan, Ohio Gamma, '03.

Athens, July 1, 1909.

E. F. THOMPSON.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

On June 22, Ohio Zeta closed what she thinks to be one of the most successful years of her history, a year in which she was represented in every feature of college life at Ohio State with great credit to herself.

She graduated six men this year, Brothers Harry E. Allen, Thomas B. Morris, James E. McCleery, George B. Gascoigne, Frank K. Carothers and Thomas H. Jones. Ohio Zeta regrets very much to lose these brothers, and wishes them success wherever they may go.

During the last month of school, Brother Jones was elected to Φ B K, Brothers Jones and Runkle to the honorary junior society of Bucket and Dipper. Brother Schlesinger was honored with the editorship of the college periodical, *The Lantern*, for the coming year. Brothers Sherrick and Schlesinger were elected to the honorary senior society, Sphynx.

The chapter with a few exceptions, spent the week after college closed in having a fine time at Buckeye Lake, a summer resort near Columbus. We enjoyed it so much that we have decided to better the event and have it every year.

The chapter takes pleasure in having Brother Tate of Vanderbilt at the house during the summer while he is attending summer school here.
Columbus, August 1, 1909.

HARRY M. RUNKLE.

OHIO ETA, CASE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

Ohio Eta expects to return seventeen men this fall. Four men were lost by graduation. Brother Tappan is now with the Eclipse Stove Co., of Mansfield, Brother Barnett is in Lincoln Ills., with the Doe Sand and Gravel Co., Brother Traub is with the Western Electric Co., at Chicago, and Brother Fritz has accepted a position in Buffalo.

Great attention has been given to the prospective Case men, and from the very promising men whom we have met we expect to initiate a class of full fifteen.

Coach Fogg will have early football practice as Case expects to have a team this fall that will without doubt bring home the Big Six cup.

Cleveland, August 13, 1909. H. R. WERMAN.

OHIO THETA, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

On June 5, the graduation exercises of University of Cincinnati, were held at Music Hall before an appreciative and enthusiastic audience. Philander P. Claxton, Litt. D., professor of education at the University of Tennessee delivered the address to candidates for degrees, which bristled with practical thoughts and was received with universal approbation. The annual address of President Chas. W. Dabney captivated all. He had the great pleasure and privilege of conferring degrees upon 186 graduates. 59, A.B.; 10, C.E.; 5, M.E.; 3, Ch.E.; 3, E.E.; 21, LL.B.; 47, M.D.; 14, A.M.; 2, Ph.D.; and 22, teachers diploma.

The feature of this occasion was the consolidation of the old renowned Miami Medical College with the Ohio Medical College under the new name of the Ohio-Miami Medical College of the University of Cincinnati. The attendance last year ran up to 1364 students.

Among the recipients of degrees, Ohio Theta numbered Brothers Edwin M. Adams M.D., who has gone as assistant surgeon to Carbon Hospital, Red Lodge, Mont., Lewis A. Quener M.D., interne at Cincinnati Jewish Hospital, Jno. De M. Ellis A.M., Frank R. Miller LL.B., C. A. Schroetter LL.B., Fred. F. McMinn C.E., and D. Hayward Ackerson E.E; the latter has taken a position with the Cincinnati Car Co., at Chester Park. Brother E. W. Pflaeger is the Republican nominee for the second district of the Kentucky legislature.

The Cincinnati for 1909, surpasses in artistic value, beauty, composition and completeness all its predecessors. It compares favorably with the best productions of the oldest and foremost universities of the country. Brother Frank R. Miller was the art editor and deserves special credit.

As the result of the untiring efforts of President Dabney the city fathers have authorized a bond issue of \$550,000 for the University of Cincinnati, to be used \$300,000 for a new engineering building, \$100,000 for a gymnasium and \$150,000 for a power plant.

Dean Schneider of the college of engineering, the originator of the co-operative plan received a flattering invitation from the University of Minnesota, but the trustees of the University of Cincinnati met the

offer by raising the salary of the dean from \$3,900 to \$5,000 and he decided to continue at Cincinnati.

Asa Van Wormer the donor of the library building of the University of Cincinnati, suddenly died at the ripe old age of 92 years.

Brother D. Hayward Ackerson, '09, as representative of Ohio Theta and E. O. Schroetter as representative of Cincinnati Alumni Club attended the Delta Province convention July 21 to 23, at Put-in Bay.

Cincinnati, August 15, 1909.

C. ALBERT SCHROETTER.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Lafayette closed her seventy-seventh year with the usual festivities. It has been a year of great development in nearly every department in college; particularly in the civil and electrical engineering departments. Both have been greatly strengthened by the securing of new and able instructors and the purchase of new machinery for the laboratory and field work. Great progress has also been made financially which has made possible the erection of a new chapel and the remodeling of Old South College.

During commencement week many of our alumni were back. The attendance at the banquet was particularly gratifying. All agreed that the opportunity which the house affords for close fellowship with the older brothers on such occasions is one of its greatest advantages.

We lost by graduation Brothers Wight, Bell, DeWitt, McMun, and Sawyer. We shall miss them much during the coming year. Aside from the graduates, however, we expect no other losses and shall begin this fall with a full roll of the other three classes.

The spring athletics were a success. The baseball team, while it made a very poor showing on the southern trip, rounded into good form while there and lost only two games after its return home. We took all three games from our old rivals up-river. Brothers Kelly, W. DeMott, and H. DeMott were $\Phi\Delta\Theta$'s representatives on the 'varsity. Brothers Long, Stickel, and Cederquist were on the squad during the entire season.

The track team was the best that ever represented the college. The Harrisburg meet was somewhat of a disappointment, but all the dual meets were won by good margins.

W. F. DeMOTT.

Easton, August 1, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

The fall term opens Thursday, September 16. Brothers B. Philson, Reyner, S. Philson, Irwin, A. Taxis, and Kistler were graduated at the seventy-seventh commencement held in June. Commencement week was a glad one for Pennsylvania Beta. On Monday evening we held our annual commencement dance and with the help of the alumni who were present, it proved to be a royal success. Wednesday evening the chapter held its annual collation which was characteristic of all Phi functions of this kind. Brother B. Philson was chairman of the class day committee. Brother Irwin was one of the callers of the class roll, and Brother Young, as president of the junior class, received the mantle of seniority for the class of 1910.

Phi Delta Theta received an exceptionally large number of commencement honors; Brother Kistler was one of the honor men and a commencement speaker, Brother Lighty won the junior Hassler Latif

medal and Brothers Hoshour, Musselman and Tyson received honorable mention; Brother Fritsch received honorable mention for the freshman prize.

Gettysburg's baseball team did not show the form which had been expected. We were defeated in several important games which we had hoped to win, but we did succeed in downing Dickinson, our old rival. The lack of proper coaching was sadly evident in several games. But next year with a resident athletic coach of known ability, we hope for better results. Brother B. Philson represented the chapter on the 'varsity. Brothers Reyner, S. Philson, Lewis, Lyson, Jacobs and Elsweiler played on the reserve team. The chapter team tied with ΣX for the fraternity championship, each team having won three games and lost one. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ defeated ΣX in the finals for the fraternity tennis championship. We own the old tennis cup, having won it three years in succession and now, after an interval of two years, the only inter-fraternity trophy at Gettysburg is at our house. Brothers Fritsch and Hoshour won the college doubles title. Brother Hoshour was the runner-up in the singles tournament and represented the chapter on the college team.

On track Gettysburg has always been a back number, but our new track, coupled with the excellent showing made by our inexperienced team at the various meets, argues well for Gettysburg in this branch of athletics. Phikeias Walker and Baker represented $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ on the team. Along other lines our chapter is equally active. We have our full share on the college musical clubs; have three out of seven on the staff of the college paper, and are well represented in the dramatic organizations. There are fourteen This returning to college in the fall and a possible fifteenth. We have three pledged men whom we expect to initiate at once. We thus start with seventeen men and the new material seems fairly promising. We believe that we have a bunch that will work perfectly together for the good of the Fraternity, and predict a brilliant year.

HARVEY S. HOSHOUR.

Gettysburg, July 26, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Washington and Jefferson closed her one hundred and ninth college year, June 23, with many social events and the attendance was one of the largest in the history of the college. We lose Brothers Dithrich, Murdoch, Dean, Swearingen and Woods by graduation. Brothers Dithrich and Murdoch were awarded orations for the commencement exercises. Brother Dithrich was class orator and Brother Woods was spoon orator for class day exercises. Many brothers visited our chapter while in Washington, after having their class reunions.

Brother Stewart, '11, was awarded his letters "W.&J." at the close of the season in baseball.

H. E. TAYLOR.

Washington, June 28, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

The one hundred and twenty-sixth year of Dickinson College came to a close June 9. The year was a comparatively successful one in football, and markedly so in basketball and baseball.

The year carried with it some strong men from our chapter, men

who were not only active in fraternity circles, but found among the set of best all around college men. We regret the loss of Brothers Benner, Kurtz, Hibbs, and Funk, of the law school, and Housman, Leininger, Young, Demaree, and Beck, of the college. Washabough and Snyder also dropped out of the college.

The commencement fraternity banquet found forty-two loyal subjects ready to commemorate the year of success. The Phis of yore, who were there, thought themselves present day students, and were it not for a few wrinkles and other characteristics of older age they could have passed as such.

Among the newly elected officers are "Tad" Wardrop, baseball manager, Roy Clever, manager of the 1912 *Microcosm*, and Harry Hoch, a senator.

In July, about a dozen Phis in Harrisburg and vicinity got together for a pleasant evening at the Columbus Hotel. Some of the older members recalled some of their past experiences in college, and a jolly good time was had.

A couple of days after commencement exercises, "Bill" Housman was taken seriously ill with appendicitis, and a complication of other diseases. He was operated upon in the Harrisburg city hospital, and had a hard fight of it. He is now recovering and hopes to be able to get out in time to enter the Dickinson law school in September.

Preparations for the rushing season have been under way for some time, and the most of the boys will be back early, ready to grab the best material.

HARRY K. HOCH.

Carlisle, July 30, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

This year the senior class determined to hold its class day exercises in the dormitory quadrangle in spite of the fact that their predecessors for two years back had been deterred on account of rain. The weather was good to them however, so on Monday, June 14, the exercises were held and proved to be a great success. Besides the usual exercises the ivy was planted with fitting ceremony and the senior fence, a new custom, was transferred to the 1910 senior class in an address by the senior president to the junior president, who accepted the fence on behalf of the 1910 class.

In the evening of the same day, the senior prom was held in Houston Hall for the first time in many years.

On Wednesday, June 16, the commencement exercises were held at the Academy of Music. Here the seniors were addressed by Dean J. H. Penniman of the college department and also by several other men of distinction. Diplomas were presented to over seven hundred men who had successfully completed their courses in the nine colleges of the university. Among these were many men from foreign countries.

Seven men in the chapter were graduated: William Bilyen, Lewis H. Haupt, Henry Klaer, Lambert Ott Jr., Arthur Kitson, Hollis Wolstenholme, and Spencer D. Wright Jr.

The chapter was in a flourishing condition at the close of the year, and we had several men in college activities. Brother Wright was a member of the 'varsity golf team, which made a good record this spring. Brother Bennett is a member of the 'varsity four. Brother

Smith was the left fielder of the freshman baseball team and also their best all-around player. Brother Roberts was also a member of the freshman baseball team for a short time, being forced to discontinue on account of a painful accident. Brother Pryor is still a member of the freshman crew.

Several of the seniors were on the committees necessary to a senior class at graduation.

The 'varsity baseball team went through a record breaking season, suffering only four defeats out of about thirty games played. Twelve straight games were won after the team returned from the south, and the last game resulted in a well earned victory over the strong Williamsport Eastern league team.

The track team made an unexpectedly strong showing at the inter-collegiate track and field meet, finishing in third place with a total of 23 points. Their showing adds one more feather to the cap of Mike Murphy, the great trainer, who built up the team with only two veterans to start with. Two of the features of the meet this year were the races run by Beck, in the half, and Paul, in the mile. The latter's time of 4.17 3/5 being a new record.

The freshman team made almost as good a record and at any rate showed that they had a good deal of first-class 'varsity material in their ranks.

The crews are now at Poughkeepsie preparing for the annual struggle to be held on July 2. They are not looked upon to win any firsts, but are expected to make a very strong showing.

This summer the chapter house is to have a good overhauling, but will be ready for the brothers by the time college opens.

Philadelphia, June 20, 1909.

J. DAWSON PAUL.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Commencement week at Lehigh passed very pleasantly. The exercises of the week were opened on June 5, with the presentation of a beautiful flag staff to the university by the class of '78. Immediately following this, Sayre Park, the gift of Robert H. Sayre, was presented to the university, the presentation speech was made by John Nevis Sayre, the oldest surviving son of the donor.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached in Packer Memorial Church, by the Rt. Rev. Nathaniel S Thomas, Bishop of Wyoming.

On Monday, class day was observed most fittingly by the graduating class, on the lawn of Dr. Dunker. The class poem, class prophecy, presentation, tablet and ivy orations were delivered in excellent form. Following the class day exercises came the second of the series of baseball games with Lafayette in which Lehigh was defeated in a well played game by the score of 2 to 0.

The commencement exercises were held on Tuesday in Packer Memorial Church. The address to the graduating class was made by Hon. George W. Wickersham, attorney general of the United States.

South Bethlehem, June 27, 1909.

FRANK S. BORDEN

PENNSYLVANIA THETA, PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

The month of June saw the close of one of the most successful years which Pennsylvania Theta ever had. At the beginning of the year

good material seemed to be lacking in the incoming freshman class, but we were most fortunate in getting very good men.

During the year our alumni did very good work by giving us their aid in every way possible, and the banquet was very well attended by many of them. We appreciate very much the work which our alumni do and hope they will continue in the same way.

The year was very fittingly closed by one of the best house parties Pennsylvania Theta has ever had. About thirty guests were with us for the whole week, besides a great number for a shorter time. Brother Lorenz as chairman of the dance committee, although not present himself on account of business, gave us the most delightful dance which has ever been given. The other events of commencement week were all of the same nature. The 'varsity baseball team lost to Bucknell, although earlier in the season we won from them on their own grounds. The 'varsity won from the alumni in a very close and well played game. The track team easily won from the University of Pittsburg, but Pittsburg put up a very good fight for it. After the meet, Brother Howarth was elected captain of the track team for this year. Brother Howarth lowered the State record for the mile earlier in the year.

The junior assembly, the sophomore fraternity dance, inter-class baseball game, Thespians, Phrasionians, glee clubs and sophomore show, all went a great way in making commencement week the best ever.

In athletics last year the college was very successful, all teams getting more than their share of the games played, and the prospects for this year are very bright. With Larry Vorhis as captain of the football team, and the schedule somewhat lighter than heretofore, we look forward to a very successful year, in that and all other sports as well. The freshman class won the inter-class baseball pennant last year.

Pennsylvania Theta introduces to the Fraternity, Brother Frank Eberline, '12, of Bellaire, Ohio. Brother Eberline made a great record at third base on the 'varsity baseball team. Brother Fred. Welsh was elected to Φ K Φ honorary fraternity. Letters from Brother Miller who is in South America, and Brother Rowe who is in Salinas, Mexico, report them getting along very well. Brother Hopper from Philadelphia, and Brother Schneller from Allentown, were with us commencement week. Brother Fowler, '09, has accepted a very good position in Long Island City.

K. B. SLEPPY.

State College, July 27, 1909.

QUEBEC ALPHA, MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

Quebec Alpha is now preparing for another season's rushing and everything is being done to make the fall term a successful one in the Fraternity.

We are spending \$200 on carpets and furniture and will have in September the finest chapter rooms at McGill. We hope to return about twenty strong and many of the brothers have arranged to come back a week or more early in order to be in the best of condition for the rushing season.

The splendid new medical building which when completed is to cost well on to the million mark is to be opened for classes in September and the new power house which will supply the university with lights, heat and power will also be in partial running order.

Preparations for the premier convention in February are going on apace and everything gives promise of a banner year in our chapter.

Montreal, August 22, 1909.

E. S. BLANCHARD.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA, BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Since the last SCROLL letter, we have been visited by Brothers Behlow, California Beta, Housh, Illinois Zeta, and Babcock, Indiana Theta, all of whom interested the chapter with their ideas on the Fraternity.

On June 14, class day was held and was more successful than ever. In the afternoon the fraternities gave teas in their rooms from 4 to 6. All were kept busy.

Brother Dishman was elected to the athletic board for the coming year, and Brother Larkin was elected to the membership committee of the Brown Union. The following sophomores were elected to T Δ Σ: Brothers Archie Pettingill and Jarvis. SEWARD T. JARVIS.

Providence, June 22, 1909.

SOUTH DAKOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

The year 1908-9 was the most successful one that the university has ever known. The attendance was a great increase over that of previous years, and the unanimity with which students and faculty worked has resulted in a great increase in strength and usefulness. The honors which the university has won in athletic and intellectual contests have been a joy to all her friends and South Dakota Alpha is very proud of the part which her members took in winning these honors. The legislature has provided the university with such assistance that the institution, with increased faculties and equipment, will be better supplied than any other in the state next year. A great pride in the university is springing up throughout the state, and certainly no commencement season ever was held under more favorable auspices.

The college of arts and sciences, the strongest college of the university, graduated twenty-six young people this year. Brother E. B. Elmore delivered the class oration which was well written and very interesting. Among the largest class which the university has ever graduated with the degree of M.A. was Brother E. M. Young, who will return next year to study medicine.

Brothers H. B. Case, P. F. Gault, C. W. Maule, J. F. Pflaum, and M. W. Murphy received the degree of I.L.B. Brother Murphy won the dean's prize for best thesis and also the first prize for scholarship. The prize for second best thesis was won by Brother Maule.

Brothers Maule, Gault, and Pflaum represented South Dakota Alpha on the baseball team this year, Brother Maule being captain. Considering the lateness with which the season opened and the long illness of Coach Whittemore, the team had a very successful season.

In debate we were represented by Brothers Murphy and Wood.

Although we lose some of our most valuable men this year, we feel satisfied that next year will find us as strong as ever.

Vermillion, July 1, 1909.

HAROLD W. MITCHELL.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Tennessee Alpha closed last session with a very successful year in every particular. Quite a percentage of college honors were reaped by

her sons which need not be repeated here as they have appeared from time to time. All of our members have scattered far and wide and it is not easy to hear from them. Of our graduates Brother Geo. Archer has spent part of the summer in Monteagle and is at his home in Greenville, Miss. Brother Karl Gartner has removed to Louisville, Ky. and has formed a law partnership with Mr. Robert Vaughn, A K E. Brother Ed. West is with a corps of United States government surveyors and has been recently promoted to an important office in that work. Brother Sam Pepper is in business in Memphis. Brother Jewell Proctor intends to take a course in medicine.

We are confidently expecting to begin work on our chapter house at once. All plans have been made, the money is at hand, and there is no reason to doubt that work will be begun in a very short time. Our plans are extensive and we hope to be able soon to welcome our brothers into a royal home in Nashville.

We are very confident about our football team next year although it is not certain how many of the old men will be back. With some of the well-trained men of last year and what new material comes in we believe that our coach can produce a bunch of fighters that will have no trouble in upholding the reputation of former teams. W. M. ANDERSON, JR.

Nashville, August 22, 1909.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

On Monday afternoon of commencement week, while the board of trustees was in session, a messenger entered the council chamber and announced the sudden death of B. Lawton Wiggins, for more than fifteen years vice-chancellor of the university. In the death of Dr. Wiggins, not only the university, but the South suffered. His place as an educator, as a citizen who led, and as a leader who shared the burdens of service, need not be stated here. But in his loss, the vacancy created is fully realized.

Thereafter, until Thursday morning, the Mountain was hushed. But on commencement day, the usual ceremonies were observed. A large class was graduated. Following the ceremonies of graduation, there were a number of short memorial talks, made by intimate friends of the late vice-chancellor; Dr. William Bonnell Hall M.A. was elected vice-chancellor, *pro tem.*

The year just ended was not without honor to Tennessee Beta. Four medals came our way during commencement week. Brother James Orloff Spearing wound up his college course with two of them, winning two closely contested races, one of which had lasted all the year. When the medals were announced, Brother Spearing was found to have taken both the Louisiana medal for oratory, and the Richmond prize for political science. Brother George Knox Cracraft, although a freshman, walked away with the Knight medal for declamation; and Brother Edmund Ruffin Beckwith took the Kentucky medal for Greek. In addition to these, Brother Cracraft was the sole representative of his literary society in the oratorical contest. Brother Beckwith was elected, some weeks before commencement, to the office of editor-in-chief of the *Purple* for next year, and as a fitting consummation of his college days, Brother Spearing was chosen to lead the commencement German, which came off on Friday night, and fully justified the hopes of its promoters.

Brothers Spearing, Meade, and Power have gone from us, and they will be sorely missed: but the chapter is strong with younger men, and all the old ones have not yet gone, so that with all but three of the chapter back, the chances for another successful session are most favorable.

JOHN DUROSE BARNWELL.

Sewanee, July 12, 1909.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

The university opens September 22, with all prospects of a successful year. The last legislature was unusually generous in responding to the needs of the school, and, although the governor vetoed a part of the appropriation, it will amount to \$440,000 for the next two years.

Texas Beta expects to open the new year in excellent condition. Even with ten graduates last June, there will be at least twenty enthusiastic and energetic Phis in college to open up the session, and see that $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is not overlooked by the better freshmen who enter the university.

The house is to be repared before opening in the fall, and a new chapter-room and all of the paraphernalia new will help to give our initiates a good start. Under the capable management of Brother Picton, we look forward to a most prosperous and pleasant year for the house and members.

As always, Texas Beta is going to try to be well represented in college activities, and, unless the unexpected happens, sees no reason for doubt as to the future. In our next letter we hope to be able to announce success not only in rushing, but in all other phases of 'varsity life as well.

ROBERT R. PENN.

Austin, July 23, 1909.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The year just passed has been lost by no means to Texas Gamma. Not only did the scholarship of the chapter improve, but its advance along other lines was marked. In one of the meetings Brother C. C. Cody, dean of the university took occasion to remark on the general improvement in the chapter ranks.

Brother Hearne, last year's football captain, will return to the same office. Brother Hawkins, formerly secretary of the students association, will return as its president. He was the winner of the junior orators' medal, commencement week. Brother J. L. Lipscomb represented the chapter as a member of the artists' staff of the *Sou'western*, while Brothers Kilgore and Southern did well in the freshman sophomore declamation contest.

The track team, Brother Snipes captain, enjoyed phenomenal success this year, triumphing over Baylor and the state university in individual meets and coming out victorious in the Southwestern inter-collegiate meet at Waco. Brother Snipes distinguished himself by making his letter in football, baseball and track. The baseball team came out second this year in Texas college baseball. Brother Vaughan held third base on the team, Brother Snipes being a utility man.

A gift of \$25,000 has been made recently to the Biblical department of Southwestern. Prof. Sam Barcus has resigned from this department to enter the ministry. He was succeeded by Reverend Ray of Uniontown, Alabama. Prof. D. H. Miles leaves the department of English to accept a fellowship in Columbia University.

At the annual trustees' meeting the non-fraternity men presented a petition to the board asking for the withdrawal of the Greek letter societies of which there are seven. Their action was marked by failure.

The convention of the A Δ Φ sorority at Georgetown was a success. Among the pleasant events of commencement week was the reception tendered them by Miss Mabel Taylor.

The Georgetown Methodist Church recently installed a beautiful pipe organ, being substantially aided by the student body.

The annual debate between the Alamo and San Jacinto societies was won by the latter.

Brothers R. L. Brewer and C. J. Armstrong came in commencement for summer school and expressed themselves as confident of returning.

Georgetown, August 6, 1909.

W. N. LIPSCOMB.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Junior week, observed this year the week of May 31, proved fully as enjoyable an occasion as heretofore. A tennis tournament with Dartmouth, baseball games, fraternity dances, the cotillion club dance, the presentation of the college play and an interscholastic track meet were among the various attractions. Friday June 4, was junior day. In the evening the junior prom was given. The prom was one of the most brilliant social functions of the year. On Tuesday evening June 1, the active chapter held an informal fraternity night. After the regular weekly fraternity meeting, Romeo's orchestra furnished music until about midnight. During the evening light refreshments were served.

The commencement exercises began Saturday June 26, with the Kingsley prize speaking. Vermont Alpha was represented by four of the brothers in this contest, namely Lockwood, Tuttle, Harris, and Waterman. Brother Lockwood took first prize and Brother Harris third.

The baccalaureate service was held in the First Church, Sunday afternoon. Monday at 2 P. M. the class day exercises were held, followed in the evening by the senior prom in the Billings Library. Brother Lawton, '09, delivered the address to undergraduates at the class day exercises and Brother Rouse, the class poem. At four P. M. the Phi tendered a reception to their friends and alumni. The fraternity house was very prettily decorated with ferns and wild flowers together with white carnations, without which no Phi reception would be complete. The committee in charge of the reception was Brothers Harris, Lockwood and Waterman. The receiving committee was Judge and Mrs. Mower, Brother Harris and Miss Forcier. Tuesday evening the college play, written by Brother Ransdell, was presented at the Strong Theatre. Directly after the play Vermont Alpha held its annual alumni banquet. After a business meeting at the fraternity house, the alumni and the active chapter repaired to Dorns where an excellent repast was awaiting them. Dr. Roberts of New York City acted as toast master.

The commencement exercises of the graduating class took place Wednesday June 30, at 11 A. M. in the Strong Theatre. Brother Harris was one of the speakers. Vermont Alpha lost an exceptionally strong class this year. Each and every one of the men who graduated proved a credit to the university and an honor to the Fraternity. We are better because they have been among us. They were all men who stood

at the head of college and fraternity activities and now that they have left us we feel their absence. The brothers who graduated are located as follows: Ramsdell in New York City, where he is connected with the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.; Lawton expects to spend the year at his home, 28 Oak St., Fitchburg, Mass.; Harris is located for the present at Barre, Vt. He is teaching German and Latin at the Spaulding High School; Kehoe is now at his home in Bennington, Vt. He has not decided where he will locate; Rouse is connected with the Burlington *Free Press*. He expects to take up newspaper work in Boston later on; Wilson is not sure where he will locate.

The outlook for football is exceedingly bright. Many of the old men are expected back and the freshman class contains much likely material. Brother Cummings is manager of the team and has arranged an excellent schedule.

Brother Brown, now attending the University of Michigan was a recent visitor of the chapter house. GEORGE P. TUTTLE.

Burlington, June 30, 1909.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Finals at the University of Virginia were more successful and enjoyable than for many years past, and an especially large number of old alumni were back. Among them were Brothers Henry Mathews, Walter Scott, Edward Howell, and "Rooster" Jones, who were all prominent members of Virginia Beta in former years. The old boys seemed to enjoy themselves very much and next year we hope to have a much larger number of our alumni with us for commencement, as we shall be in our chapter house which we have rented, and will be in a better position to show them the proper attention.

Brothers T. D. Sloan and W. C. Dabney received their M.D. degrees, Brother W. B. Taylor, a B.A., and Brother T. M. Harris, an A.M. These, together with Brothers H. P. and D. P. Goodwin and G. C. Crawford, who will not return, will be a big loss to our chapter, and we shall have to secure an exceedingly fine lot of new initiates in order to overcome this loss.

We feel quite fortunate over the number of college honors that the members of our chapter have received for the coming year. Brother "Dick" Taylor was elected to the advisory board of the general athletic association, and has also been elected president of the Y. M. C. A. for the session of '09-'10. Brother Harrison was elected manager of the track team, and Brother Larry Martin, captain of the same. Brother Martin was also appointed as assistant business manager of *College Topics*. Brother John W. Carter was elected editor-in-chief of *College Topics* and his appointment was very gratifying to both him and his friends, as it came at the end of his first year at the university.

University, July 6, 1909.

BODLEY BOOKER.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Randolph-Macon College, for the past session, showed some marked improvements, in several features, over the few preceding years. Any-one acquainted with college athletics in Virginia will testify to the splendid quality of the teams turned out by Coach Rice Warren, while the showing in the contest of football and baseball for the Eastern Virgi-

nia inter-collegiate championship was of the very first order. There was no award of a trophy in football owing to a tie-up between Randolph-Macon and Hampden-Sidney, but a different story is to be told regarding baseball. Brother L. L. Gravely's box work was almost wholly responsible for the capturing of the championship in baseball for this college.

The college faculty underwent slight changes at the beginning of the session, the chair of moral philosophy and the chair of history and political economy being supplied by two new professors, while Dr. Ivey F. Lewis, having returned from a leave of absence abroad, was installed in the chair of biology. The M. E. conference of Virginia sent Mr. Frank Wells, an old Randolph-Macon student, to fill the pulpit and act as chaplain of the college, and his work has been highly successful both in the town and with the students. The faculty will continue next year as throughout the past session.

One of the most commendable and pleasing things that has occurred at the old institution was the remodeling of Duncan Memorial Chapel. The old worn out benches were replaced by elegant opera chairs, electric lights were installed, and the walls and ceiling were very tastefully frescoed with a soft blue-green paint set off by pretty white border.

Commencement was replete with interesting episodes. The trustees were particularly lenient with their pocket change, and a collection taken up at one of their sessions for the cause of athletics netted a handsome little sum, while special provision was made, upon request by the student-body, for insuring the athletic association ample funds hereafter for the continuance of the intercollegiate sports. The degree men rendered a pleasant surprise class night by presenting to the public an original college play, finishing off with the valedictory and *Auld Lang Syne*. Brothers Alvah H. Martin, Jr., and H. V. Bounds represented us in this play, and their parts were well acted. Brother Bounds will return to Randolph-Macon for his master's degree, and Brother Martin together with Brother P. K. Gravely, will resume active membership with the Phis at the University of Virginia.

The one event that springs eternally in the minds of many Virginia Gamma men and other Phi brothers who visited Ashland at the time of the last commencement, was the Phi banquet held June 9. The Henry Clay Inn banquet hall was beautifully decorated in blue and white ribbons, shields, pennants and white carnations. The toastmaster of the occasion, Brother M. K. Harris, Virginia Beta, repeatedly covered himself with glory, while the responses made the blue and white improvised welkin rustle and sway with eloquence and applause. The early morning hour found all reluctant to disband, but at the same time we were highly pleased with the marked success of the night. Virginia Gamma is ready to resume work with the seven men it is to return to Randolph-Macon; and, with the outlook bright for additional good material, it is safe to venture that the coming year will be as enjoyable and as profitable in the brotherhood as was the year just past.

Ashland, August 1, 1909.

B. T. TATEM.

WASHINGTON ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

Everything is lively in Seattle this summer and next season promises to be a great epoch in the history of our university. Washington Alpha has been glad to meet so many Phis from the East and middle West.

In the crew race with Stanford May 31, Washington lost by one and one half lengths. The weather was quite unfavorable, and the chapter and alumni spent most of the day aboard the steamer *Xanthus* waiting for the race. We were represented by Brother Mohr, of whose work we are justly proud.

We expect most of the brothers to be back this fall. Because of the sudden death of his father, Brother Drake will leave college for good. Brother Esters goes to Illinois, and Brother Sivyer to Cornell.

The chapter takes great pleasure in introducing Brother Westover, who was initiated at the close of college.

WALTER WAND.

Seattle, July 15, 1909.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

At the close of the last school year our financial ends met with a clean bump that jarred quite a chunk out of our indebtedness. In addition to this the use of the house during the summer school session netted us \$200. So in regard to our financial future, we have something more than prospects to begin the year on.

Of our number attending in June we shall have lost eight. This leaves us twenty good men to start the year with. In this connection we are sorry to relate that of those who have left, one, Brother L. Williams, has so far fallen from grace as to get married. All loyal Phi's will drop a tear for our dear Brother Williams. The men who stayed for summer school have acted as a rushing committee, and according to the best reports they have been extremely active in rounding up the prospects. According to one report they were writing fifteen letters a day. If they kept this up every day, the total number of prospects will run high. Their postage bill has amounted to fifteen dollars. So taking all in all, with our two hundred dollars in cash, our twenty men returning, and our fifteen dollars worth of prospects, we stand in a fair way of being able to match pennies with the enemy.

Since the last issue of THE SCROLL we have had two valuable additions to our number. Sidney Jackson of Madison was initiated in June. He had been pledged for a couple of years, and we are mighty glad to have him come in. The other addition to our number came in the shape of a yellow bull-dog, presented by a brother Phi in Mississippi. Although the only safe boast the dog could make of its beauty, is that its tail might have been handsome in the days of its existence, yet the pup will give the Σ X and the Σ A E dog something to think about.

Madison, July 26, 1909.

BENJ. S. BEECHER.

ALUMNI CLUBS.

.CHICAGO.

Phi Delta Theta reigned in its characteristic way on Saturday evening July 24, in the palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. Eber Cole Byam, Rogers Park, Chicago. These ideal hosts dedicated the entire atmosphere of the evening to entertaining brothers in the Bond and the entirety of their success will never be forgotten by the favored ones.

An evening of dancing attendant with the choicest of fair maidens, replete with Phi Delt associations, banners, monograms and college

pennants, evolved into an early morning party of a most enjoyable nature with the administration of the last rites of the "initiation" of the hosts.

Wisconsin claimed their allegiance, Purdue aspired, but far-away Dartmouth by its numbers lays claim to the honor. Wisconsin was admittedly well represented in Bobby Laas. Purdue was there with "Doc" Ward, while old Dartmouth delegated Greenleaf Merrill, '10, and Alfred G. White, Chas. Adams Fassett and George Liscomb of the vintage of '07. Phikeiadom was represented too in the junior Mr. Laas and Harold Goettler of Northwestern.

The hosts insisted that their home hereafter be known as the Phi Delta Theta House of Rogers Park and there seems little likelihood of the appearance of a rival in the field.

The old fashioned picnic was revived and inaugurated as an annual function of Chicago Phi Delt's on the afternoon and evening of August 28, at Ravinia Park. Threatening clouds forbade a large attendance but the day proved to be an ideal one and was thoroughly enjoyed by the fifty or sixty who attended.

A concert by Walter Damrosch and his New York Symphony Orchestra was the first number on the program. The sublime reverted to the ridiculous in the hair raising exhibition of baseball between teams representing the rival political factions of the alumni association.

Steffens of Chicago and Graham of Michigan, both former gridiron heroes, composed the battery of the "Wogglebugs," while Liscomb and White, a Dartmouth battery attempted to overcome the prestige of the opposing pair. It was not so much a pitcher's battle as it was a batter's battle in which the "Wogglebugs" led by gaining a big lead in the initial round. A catch in right field by Hoover and a performance by Fassett by which he held the ball were really the only smacks of professionalism. The teams lined up as follows:

"Wogglebugs"

Steffen, Chicago, '09,	P.
Graham, Michigan, '08,	C.
Cardon, Chicago, '10,	3 B.
Legg, Amherst, '04,	1 B.
Grant, Knox, '08,	2 B.
Furst, Michigan, '08,	S. S.
Krog, Chicago, '09,	R. F.
Hubert, Michigan, '07,	L. F.
Hoover, Michigan, '08,	C. F.

"Hallrooms"

Liscomb, Dartmouth, '07,	P.
Wallingford, Central, '08,	3 B.
Kimbell, Illinois, '10	2 B.
Godso, Chicago, '03,	S. S.
King, Indiana, '92,	R. F.
Fassett, Dartmouth, '07,	1 B.
White, Dartmouth, '07,	C.
Leaming, Wabash, '07	L. F.

Vandersluis, Michigan, '02, C. F.
 Dr. J. L. Hammond, Wabash, '95, Umpire.

Wogglebugs	7	2	1	0	1	—11
Hallrooms	1	4	3	2	0	—10

The baseball game was followed by dinner ensemble under the trees interspersed with memories of rah rah days with songs and occasional cheers of the various colleges represented. Phi Delt ladies were much in evidence throughout the day and took to the dancing in the evening like ducks to water. Here Octo Graham's tuneful tempo came gracefully to the front (Octo has the earmarks of a real musician).

The party left the park with that tired but happy feeling resolved to repeat the outing in 1910 as soon as able after returning from the national convention.

GEO. E. LISCOMB.

August 30, 1909.

PERSONAL.

Reporters are requested to forward personal information about alumni with every chapter letter, and to oblige by writing them out in the form in which such items appear below. All readers of THE SCROLL are urged to forward personals.

Please write all proper names very clearly.

Clippings should bear the names and dates of the papers from which they have been cut.

A particular request is made for information about members who have recently died, including more especially the date and place of death.

Colby—Robert L. Emery, '06, is a practicing physician in Rockport, Mass.

Emory—A. S. Hough, '75, is editor of the *Florida Times Union*, at Jacksonville.

Miami—David Koger, '07, was married June 1 to Miss Ethel Brooks of Paducah, Ky.

Central—Rev. J. E. Park, '89, is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Caruthersville, Mo.

Purdue—Russell Fortune, '08, was married June 2 to Miss Eleanor Lemcke at Indianapolis, Ind.

Kentucky—Chastain W. Haynes, '05, president of Gamma Province was married in April to Miss Susie Gilbert.

Sewanee—Rev. William S. Slack, '89, is rector of the Mt. Olivet Church, 235 Olivier Street, New Orleans, La.

Kentucky—William E. Gary, '04, was married December 30, 1908, to Miss Nancy Jane Grinnan at Lexington, Ky.

Washington and Jefferson—Frank B. Hawkins, '96, is a first lieutenant in the 27th United States Infantry, Washington, D. C.

Kentucky—Lal D. Threlkeld, '02, is practicing law at Smithland, Ky., and is the democratic candidate for county attorney of his county.

Columbia—Reuben Maplesden, '08, was married in June to Miss Isabelle Frances McKee at 311 West 78th Street, New York, N. Y.

Miami—Roscoe Reed, '06, was graduated in June from the Jefferson Law School at Louisville, Ky. He will practice law at Paducah, Ky.

Syracuse—James H. Cornell, Jr., '02, is a member of the law firm of McGee & Cornell, Richmond Hills, Queens Borough, New York City.

Cincinnati—Oscar W. Lange, '98, a charter member of Ohio Theta, has been appointed an assistant attorney in the Interior Department at Washington.

Washington and Jefferson—William Wallace, '82, is president of the Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary at Coyoacan, Federal District, Mexico.

Colby—Leland P. Knapp, '03, for several years principal of Parsonfield Seminary, has been elected to the principalship of Rockland high school, Rockland, Me.

Indiana—Hoyt King, '92, was married June 16 to Miss Edythe Ethel Hunter at Union City, Pa. After a trip abroad Mr. and Mrs. King took up their abode in Evanston, Ill.

Hanover—William A. Oldfather, '99, has resigned as assistant professor of Latin at Northwestern University, to accept the full chair of Greek at the University of Illinois.

Colby—William Hoyt, '05, who has been instructor in mathematics at the Plymouth (Mass.) high school has been chosen to the same position in Mercersburg Academey, Mercersburg, Pa.

DePauw—Orrie Roscoe VanDyke, '05, was married June 8 to Miss Mary Mabel Vickery at Evansville, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. VanDyke are at home at 350 Leslie Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

Chicago—F. C. Brown, '00, has received the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Chicago, and has accepted the chair of English literature at Trinity College, Durham, N. C.

Washington and Jefferson—Charles Thomas Stockton, '06, was married in June to Miss Martha Cook of North Sharon, Pa. Brother Stockton is a banker in Sharon where they will make their home.

Vermont—Walter H. Merriam, '89, who has been studying in Germany for the past year has returned to this country for a short visit. He expects to return to Germany for six months more work.

Case and Ohio Wesleyan—Arthur C. Vickery, *Case*, '06, and Edgar G. Barnett, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '08, are employed in the engineering department of the Automatic Steam Shovel Co., Lorain, Ohio.

Miami—A bibliography of David Swing, '52, has been published by the Unity Publishing Co., Chicago. The title is "David Swing: Poet-Preacher;" the author is Joseph Fort Newton, and the price \$2.

Knox—Robert Baird Porter, '02, was married July 7 to Miss Ione Lillian Vose at Macomb, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Porter are at home in Salt Lake City where Brother Porter is engaged in the practice of law.

Ohio Wesleyan—J. E. Brown, M. D., '84, past president of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, Mrs. Brown and young John Edwin Brown have returned to their home in Columbus, Ohio, after having spent six months of travel in Europe.

Butler—Thomas Shipp, '97, secretary of the Joint Conservation Committee left Washington September 2 for a tour of the country for the purpose of consulting with the officers of the state conservation commissions as to the progress of the work, and to advise with them as to the national committee's action.

Washington and Lee—Abram D. Somerville, '08, has been appointed fellow in history at the University of Mississippi. Brother Somerville made a special study of history while at Washington and Lee University.

Vermont—P. Orman Ray, '98, professor of history and political science at Pennsylvania State College is the author of a new book entitled "The Repeal of the Missouri Compromise, its Origin and Authorship."

Dartmouth—John Otis Sibley, '97, was married to Miss Alice Chapman Allen at Providence, R. I., June 16. Mr. and Mrs. Sibley will reside in Worcester, Mass., where Brother Sibley is engaged in the practice of law.

Vanderbilt—John J. Tigert, '04, who has been professor of psychology at Central College, Fayette, Mo., for the past two years, has been elected president of Kentucky Wesleyan at Winchester, Ky., and begins his duties there this fall.

Dickinson and Lafayette—Linn Mateer Saxton, '97, was awarded the degree of doctor of pedagogy by New York University in June. Brother Sexton has been elected instructor of mathematics in the college of the city of New York.

Butler—Thomas S. Graves, '74, as president of the National Live Stock Exchange delivered an address before that organization at its annual meeting in Denver July 15. Brother Graves is in the live stock commission business in Indianapolis.

Colby—At Pulpit Harbor, Me., June 23, occurred the wedding of Miss Orrie Lealda Beveridge and Mr. Isaiah Adelbert, Bowdoin, '06. The best man was Mr. Elihu B. Tilton, *Colby*, '07. Mr. and Mrs. Bowdoin are at home to their friends at Derby, Vt., where Brother Bowdoin has recently been elected principal of Derby Academy.

Dickinson—M. Hoke Gottschall, '00, has been prominently connected with the development of South Hills, an important Pittsburg suburban territory. In addition to his activity in real estate he is editor and manager of the *South Hill News*. Those who attended the Pittsburg convention will remember Brother Gottschall as one of our genial hosts.

Chicago—Harvey A. Peterson, '97, was given the degree of doctor of philosophy by Chicago University on June 15. Brother Peterson was one of the founders of the reorganized Chicago chapter, and has been a professor in the University of Nashville. He has just accepted a position as professor of philosophy and education at the State Normal School at Normal, Ill.

Ohio Wesleyan—Guy Potter Benton, LL. D., '88, president of Miami University, is the author of a book entitled "The Real College," recently published by Jennings & Graham, Cincinnati, and Eaton & Mains, New York. In recognition of his services in giving Miami the greatest prosperity it has ever enjoyed, the trustees of the university have granted him a year's leave of absence, on full pay, for travel and study abroad. He will sail for Europe on October 9.

Knox—Thos. H. Blodgett, '99, recently purchased *The Outing Magazine*, and has now assumed the publication of this well known magazine. He was formerly Western representative of *The Outing Magazine*, with his office at Chicago. Brother Blodgett is regarded as very fortunate in

securing control of this magazine which has many fine traditions. He announces that "Its aim in the future, as it has been in the past, will be to reflect life and sports of the outdoor world with its diversity of sports, pastimes, and worthy achievements."

Vermont—C. W. Doten, '95, vice-president of Alpha province, is assistant professor of economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston, his home being in Cambridge. He is the secretary of the American Statistical Association. During this summer he has been in Washington, in company with several other college professors, whom the director of the census called there to consult about plans for the 13th census, and to advise him in regard to its scope and the best methods of securing and presenting the statistics.

Miami—On the first page of the *Literary Digest* of June 12 appears a picture of Edwin Emerson, Jr., '89, together with Mrs. Emerson, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Heney. Brother Emerson who was a war correspondent in the far east a few years ago has been active in a good many parts of the world. Lately he has been stirring up things in Central America. In a contribution to *Uncle Sam's Magazine* for June Brother Emerson reveals the mistreatment of United States citizens in Central America, particularly in Guatemala.

HELLENIC.

Items of news suitable for this department should be sent direct to the Assistant Editor, instead of being included in chapter letters.

Σ N has entered Nebraska.

Ψ Ω, medical, has entered Washington University.

Σ Φ E and Δ Σ Φ have entered Alabama Polytechnic.

Φ P Σ, medical has entered the University of Pittsburgh.

Π K A has withdrawn from Cumberland, Roanoke and West Virginia.

At Central Δ K E has rented a house. Other fraternities meet in halls.

Ω T Φ, medical, has entered North Carolina Medical College, Charlotte, N. C.

A K K, medical, has entered St. Louis University and the University of Louisville.

Σ N during 1909 has entered Oklahoma, Pennsylvania State and Western Reserve.

Σ X has revived its chapter at Wabash, which was established in 1880, and suspended in 1894.

At Virginia Δ Ψ, Δ K E, Φ Δ Θ, Φ K Ψ, Σ N, K Σ and Southern K A either own or rent houses.

At Knox B Θ Π owns a house. Φ Δ Θ and Φ Γ Δ live in rented houses, the former owning a lot.

At Chicago Δ K E owns a \$25,000 house, Φ K Ψ a \$22,000 house. Other fraternities live in rented houses.

At Washington and Lee only three fraternities—Σ A E, Δ T Δ and Σ Φ E—have chapter houses, all of which are rented.

At Colorado $\Sigma \Lambda E$ owns a house. Other fraternities live in rented houses. $\Delta T \Delta$, $B \Theta \Pi$ and $A T \Omega$ own building sites.

At Purdue $\Phi K \Psi$ owns a \$14,000 house, ΣN an \$8,000 house. Other fraternities live in rented houses. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is building a house.

"The Sorority Chapter House," the leading article in the $A X \Omega Lyre$ for July, was contributed by S. K. Ruick, president of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

At Indiana ΣX and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ own houses. Other fraternities live in rented houses. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi K \Psi$ and $K \Sigma$ are expecting to build.

At Mississippi $\Delta \Psi$ and ΣX own small houses, $\Delta K E$ rents a house of one or two rooms on the campus. Other fraternities meet in halls.

At Kansas $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ owns a \$12,000 house, $\Phi K \Psi$ a \$9,000 house. Other fraternities live in rented houses. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and ΣX own building sites.

ΣN and ΣX are established at Montana and the correspondent of the ΣN *Delta* there says a local society, $I N$, started there last January.

$\Delta K E$ has rented the first chapter house occupied by any fraternity at Aalabama. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has a building lot there and will erect a house soon.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Sigma A E$, $A T \Omega$ and ΘX are established at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Two local sororities, ΔT and $K \Xi A$, are petitioning fraternities.

Chapters of all fraternities are unusually large at Dartmouth, but the college authorities permit not exceeding fourteen men to room in a chapter house.

The Sewanee Pan-Hellenic association has decided that no student shall be initiated into any fraternity until he has entered upon his second half year.

The last $\Theta \Delta X$ convention decided that each new initiate shall pay for the *Shield* at least five years, to cover the whole of the undergraduate period and one or two years more.

Several fraternities, among them $\Delta T \Delta$ and $A T \Omega$, absolutely prohibit their members from having any connection with the sophomore society, $\Theta N E$, their chapters having no option in the matter.

At Lehigh $\Sigma \Phi$, $B \Theta \Pi$, ΨT and ΔT own houses. Other fraternities live in rented houses. The ΨT and ΔT houses are on the campus, where sites for chapter houses are given but under strict restrictions.

$B \Theta \Pi$, so far as membership in chapters is concerned, certainly ran the whole gamut, with a chapter roll of 4 at Hampden-Sidney College, and a membership of 42 at Dartmouth, and reaching 86 at Yale.— ΣN *Delta*.

$K \Psi$, a medical fraternity, has established a chapter at the Pre-Clinic College of the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. It already had a chapter at the medical department of the University of Alabama at Mobile.

$T K E$, a local society at Illinois Wesleyan University, which several times petitioned $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ for a renewal of the charter of Illinois Epsilon, has decided to become a general fraternity; and accordingly, writes the Illinois Wesleyan correspondent of the *Phi Gamma Delta*, has established chapters at Northwestern and Millikin.

After a long search, $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ has finally located the graves of all six of its founders. The graves of five are marked with stones inscribed, "One of the founders of Phi Gamma Delta," and the other will soon be so marked.

It is announced that $\Delta\Phi$ is to publish a quarterly and $Z\Psi$ is to have a magazine called the *Circle*. For several years $\Delta\Phi$ has been issuing privately a little journal. Many years ago $Z\Psi$ had a magazine, which failed after a brief existence.

Sororities have recently established chapters as follows: ΣK at Brown, $\Pi B\Phi$ at Toronto, $\Delta\Gamma$ at Missouri, ZTA at Drury (Mo.), $\Sigma\Sigma\Sigma$ at Union (Tenn.), $\Delta\Delta\Delta$ at Transylvania and Stanford, $X\Omega$ at Oregon and U. of Washington. ΦM has suspended at Salem (N. C.).

With the recent entrance of ΣN into Western Reserve University, ΣN shares with $B\Theta\Pi$ the distinction of maintaining chapters in both Reserve and the Case School of Science. These splendid colleges are practically occupying the same campus.— ΣN *Delta*.

ΔT has an employment bureau. The *Quarterly* says: "For the fourth season the executive council plans to carry on an employment bureau. This is principally for the benefit of the 1909 graduates, but it may also be of benefit to alumni who desire a transfer from their present positions."

$\Pi K A$ which now has 27 chapters, has decided to divide them into districts, with an inspector for each. It has heretofore been confined to the south, but has removed the territorial limitation. When $\Pi K A$ acquires chapters in the north, $K A$ will be the only distinctively southern fraternity.

The houses owned by fraternities at Minnesota are valued as follows: ΨT , \$25,000; $X\Psi$, \$18,000; $\Phi K\Psi$, \$18,000; ΔT , \$12,000; $A\Delta\Phi$, \$10,000; $B\Theta\Pi$, \$10,000; $\Delta T\Delta$, \$10,000; $\Delta K E$, \$8,000; ΣN , \$7,000; $\Theta\Delta X$, \$6,500; ΣX , \$5,000. $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ owns a lot valued at \$5,000; $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ and $\Sigma A E$ lots valued at \$4,000 each. These three fraternities, as well as $Z\Psi$, $K\Sigma$ and $A T \Omega$ live in rented houses.

The fraternities with years of establishment at Oklahoma are as follows: $K A$, 1905; $K\Sigma$, 1906; $B\Theta\Pi$, 1907; ΣN , 1909. According to the Oklahoma correspondent of the ΣN *Delta*, $\Sigma A E$ will enter this fall by absorbing a local society organized in 1906-07, two local societies, formed in 1908-09, are petitioning $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ and $A T \Omega$, and $K A \Theta$ will enter by absorbing a local sorority, formed in 1908-09.

The last convention of the legal fraternity ΔX amended its constitution so as to render ineligible to initiation men who are members of general college fraternities, though certain chapters were conceded time in which to enforce this provision. A charter for a chapter at California was granted. The charter of the West Virginia chapter was revoked. The charter of the Washington University chapter was surrendered.

In giving a list of presidents and vice presidents of the United States, which appeared on page 625 of the June SCROLL, President Taft was credited to "X T," instead of ΨT . That was a mistake of the printer in correcting a proof. But the assistant editor acknowledges

with mortification that he blundered much more unaccountably and inexcusably in omitting from the list the name of Adlai E. Stevenson, Φ Δ Θ, former vice-president.

Beginning this month, the *American College*, a magazine of about 100 pages, will be published monthly by the Higher Education Association, 42 Broadway, New York. The directing editor will be Mr. Clarence F. Birdseye, X Ψ, and the managing editor, Mr. Frank F. Rogers, who is editor of the Δ T Δ *Rainbow*. The announcement says that the magazine will give special attention to news of college fraternities and sororities, and to the improvement of conditions in chapter houses, so that the inmates will be more greatly benefitted by their close associations. The subscription price is \$2.50 a year (in Canada \$3); single copy, 25 cents.

The Φ Γ Δ Club of New York opened early in 1909, in a handsome club house, at 34 West 44th Street, between the Yale Club and the Association of the Bar of New York, opposite the New York Yacht Club and the City Club, and near many other clubs. The annual dues are \$20 a year for resident members, \$10 for non-residents. There are 30 bed rooms. Single rooms may be rented for \$1.50 per day, or \$30 a month. Meals are served *a la carte*. Friday night is club night. The house is open to ladies on Sundays, 4 to 10 p. m. At dances supper has been served to 100 couples. The *Phi Gamma Delta* says the membership is around 500, and that the business of the club during its first month was \$2,300, and during the second month \$3,100.

The close rivalry existing at many colleges results in a very lively scramble for the pick of the incoming class; and this contest in turn is too apt to result in a sacrifice of some of that quiet discrimination and judicious scrutiny which alone assure a wholly satisfactory string of pledges. Our chapter must remember that the pledging of a man takes but a minute, but lasts forever; that hasty mistakes in this direction can not be undone; and that it is far better to run the chapter for a year a man or two short than to take in a misfit who can contribute nothing to its successes and its happiness. A man who adds nothing to a chapter's welfare is not merely of negative worth to that chapter; he is a positive injury.—Σ A E Record.

Corresponding secretaries disregard all sorts of rules and regulations, but their hearts are right and their intentions good, and we could not do without them. Don't write when you have nothing to say, but don't assume that you have nothing to say because what you must say seems so ordinary and usual and trivial. We do not know what you know about your chapter. But do not tell us football news that will be stale long before we can print it, and don't write "frat" and "school" when you mean or ought to mean "fraternity" and "college." A man who will write "frat" usually wears "pants" and refers to his male companions as "us gents." If you will be correct in your style so far as those two words are concerned, we will forgive almost anything.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

In the letter of the California chapter printed in this number, it is stated that the chapter held a reception for the families of the new members admitted to the fraternity at the beginning of the college year. This is a first rate idea, if persons constituting such families are accessible.

Of course, in some colleges this would not be the case, especially in colleges drawing students from all over the United States, but in the majority of colleges where we have chapters and at which the attendance is in the main local, it is quite possible and seems to be an admirable plan. It makes the chapter a centre of social activity in a general way not previously thought of and undoubtedly will serve to bring together a number of interesting people who would not otherwise become acquainted and yet who will thus find a common tie through the fraternity even although they do not belong to it.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

At the beginning of each college year since 1905, THE SCROLL has published a list of the chapters that have been established by the various fraternities, and of the chapters that have died, since the publication in that year, of the last edition of "Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities," by Mr. W. R. Baird, 63 West 83d Street, New York, N. Y. This year the directories of chapters in the various journals published by fraternities have been carefully checked over, to ascertain the number of active chapters of such fraternities, but it is possible that we may have made some errors, and we would be glad to have our attention called to any needed correction in the list of new chapters and suspended chapters, or in the table showing the number of active chapters at this time, which list and table appear on later pages of this issue. The chapters of sororities and professional fraternities have multiplied so rapidly, that, in despair, we have given up an attempt to list them.

The claim that Σ Π was founded at William and Mary College, Virginia, in 1752, has been examined by Mr. W. R. Baird, author of "American College Fraternities," and, in the *Beta Theta Pi*, he concludes: "The claims of Σ Π are incredible. Not only that, they are ridiculous. But they are constantly being repeated and although every statement made which is capable of verification has been disproved, they will doubtless continue to be urged. The Greek world should not encourage such claims or allow them to be made uncontradicted." It seems that Σ Π has only two chapters—one established at Vincennes University, Indiana, in 1899, and one established at the University of California in 1907. A local society of the same name at Illinois College (to which William Jennings Bryan belongs) has never had any connection with it. In fact Σ Π has produced not a particle of proof that it is over 10 years old or that it ever saw William and Mary College.

During the last year several of our exchanges have mentioned the revisions of the rituals of the fraternities of which they are organs. The *Journal of Southern K A* mentions that a revised ritual for that fraternity was promulgated in 1904 by a committee which prepared it, and which was given "plenary power." A committee has, during the last year or two, prepared a revised ritual for Σ X, and it seems that, as in the case of K A, the revision has been authorized and ordered used by chapters, without bringing it before the convention of the fraternity for adoption. Some interesting features of the new ritual, copied from the Σ X *Quarterly*, appeared in the February SCROLL. Δ T, though claiming to be non-secret, has a ritual, and, according to the Δ T *Quarterly*, a recently revised ritual is now being used by the chapters. The Φ K Ψ *Shield* states that, at the 1908 convention of Φ K Ψ, a committee was appointed to present a revised ritual to the convention of that fraternity

to be held in 1910. The recent convention of Π K A appointed a committee to report a revision of its ritual at its next convention in 1910.

A report on the scholarship of students has been made by a committee of the faculty to the president of the university. The investigation was made primarily to ascertain whether or not fraternity men were below the average of the remainder of the students in scholarship. It was found that the average of the Greek-letter men, as a whole, was below the standing of the non-fraternity men. The Greek failures totaled 26 per cent, while all others were only 22 per cent. The Pan-Hellenic council has recently passed a resolution here prohibiting the initiation of freshmen until after mid-year examinations when all the men who pass enough work to remain in college may be regularly admitted to a fraternity. This ruling does not put any restriction upon pledging and any man can be pledged upon his matriculation in college but he must remain one semester and pass in three-fourths of his work to become a member of a Greek-letter fraternity. This is in some ways a good measure and in others a bad one. It will necessarily increase the number of "lifts" but on the other hand it will raise to a much higher plane the scholastic standing of fraternity men. This ruling takes effect February, 1910. The council has also decided to abolish the annual "beer fest" which followed the Pan-Hellenic baseball series. This is a wise measure since the president stated he and the council would take some severe action should the students refuse to abolish it.—Missouri correspondence, *Beta Theta Pi*.

In the Δ T *Quarterly* appears this advertisement, which, with the accompanying picture, makes a full page:

WEAR YOUR "FRAT" BATH ROBE

The newest thing in college men's apparel is the snappy Fraternity Bath Robe and the Fraternity Smoking Gown. Each fraternity has an exclusive design. Write

NICETOWN P. O. BOX 4422, PHILADELPHIA

From the picture we infer that the approved Δ T bath robe design is one having about a hundred little devils all over the garment. Does this imply that Δ T has adopted H. S. M. as a patron saint? If so it shatters our life-long conceptions of Δ T. We never thought of Δ T as being sporty. Certainly we never imagined that it was devilish. In fact we always considered that most D. U's were good enough to have excellent standing in the college Y. M. C. A. Therefore, when we saw so many little black imps rioting around over Δ T's "exclusive design" we experienced a severe shock. We always thought that Δ T cared as little for emblems and such things as for secrecy. Hence we were not prepared to see it adopt such striking and suggestive symbolism. In first adopting "the newest thing in college mens apparel"—"the snappy fraternity bath robe and the fraternity smoking gown"—Δ T has scored on all rivals, and history will award it the proud distinction of being the pioneer in this matter. However, we hope that the thing has gone far enough, and that no enterprising manufacturer will be tempted to put on the market "frat" underwear and hosiery.

In 1899, the general fraternity of B Θ II unveiled in Bishop Chapel, the assembly room of Miami University, on the exact geographical site of the origin of Betaism, a tablet to Knox and his co-founders. The room which is adorned by this bronze memorial is no longer used gen-

erally; hence it is only the Beta visitor, anxious to see where his fraternity was born, that makes his way to the old West Wing to view the present tribute of the fraternity to its pioneers. The idea of a memorial is not a new one. Bishop David H. Moore, of the Ohio University chapter, years ago conceived the idea of building a Greek temple on the hills of Oxford to mark our beginnings. It is, however, to $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ that we are indebted largely for the idea in its present form. It was in 1906, at the Washington convention of that fraternity, that the idea of building a memorial house for the purpose of honoring those who blazed the way was first conceived. The fraternity was a unit in wishing for a materialization of this idea, and so, in due season, the following plan of campaign was devised. A tax of one dollar on each active man covering a period of five years brought to the treasury of the enterprise about one-third of the estimated cost; the alumni members of the fraternity were given the opportunity of contributing their share, or about a quarter of the entire sum; while the Miami chapter of that fraternity guaranteed the remainder. As a result of the union of revenues from these sources, a beautiful memorial building has been erected. The plan of ΣX is somewhat similar, and is fully set forth in the February number of our own magazine. Thus the two younger members of the "Triad" have provided for themselves. What they have done and are doing, $B\Theta II$ is planning to do.—Lawrence W. Swan, Miami, '07, in *Beta Theta Pi*, for April.

FAIR GREEKS SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The success of Pan-Hellenicism among the sororities is to us a never failing source of wonder and admiration. The sororities have had a national Pan-Hellenic conference for seven years. The conference, now composed of representatives of twelve sororities, has a constitution and meets annually. With pardonable pride, the sorority magazines are publishing what are called "Pan-Hellenic achievements in seven years." Following are some of them, which show that excellent work has been done:

In the national fraternity life—Co-operation and frank discussion among national officers of the special problems in special colleges. Exchange among fraternity officers of the journals of the women's fraternities.

In the college fraternity—the abolishment of pledging among preparatory students, except at Michigan, where, owing to peculiar local conditions, the national fraternity chapters there have been granted permission to pledge high school seniors only until September, 1909. Formation of college pan-hellenics wherever two or more nationals are represented. These pan-hellenics consist of one alumna and one active member from every national fraternity represented in the college. A pledge day in every college fixed by the college pan-hellenic association. No part of the initiation ceremony to take place in public. Universal discountenancing of "lifting." Woman's fraternities interested in general college activities and taking active steps in formation of women's leagues.

Incidental achievements—Two meetings of fraternity delegates with the Conference of Deans of Women, where a frank discussion of fraternity life in the college—its advantages and shortcomings—left with the fraternities many ideas of the improvement of fraternity life. A great increase in trust and respect among rival fraternity chapters.

Present activities—Organizing, in each university community, of resident alumnae of all fraternities to study local problems and advise steps for their solution. Efforts for later pledge day. Definite university scholarship attainment among the qualifications for eligibility to fraternity membership. Pan-

hellenic efforts to restrict the excessive social life of the fraternity women in its college. Also co-operation in the reduction of the elaborateness and expense of social functions. More efforts toward securing the co-operation of fraternity alumnae in dealing with fraternity problems. Raising scholarship standards in fraternity chapters. Formation of a code of etiquette regarding dismissals, pledging, etc.

GENERAL OFFICERS OF FRATERNITIES.

The national officers of fraternities, other than the usual general officers, such as presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurers and editors of magazines, so far as may be learned from directories in their magazines, are as follows:

$\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has an editor of the history; ΣX , a grand historian; $\Phi K \Psi$, a historian; $\Sigma A E$, a historian; $A T \Omega$, a worthy grand keeper of annals; $K \Sigma$, a historian; ΣN , a grand historian; $K A$ (southern), a grand historian; $\Pi K A$, a grand histiographer; $\Sigma \Phi E$, a grand historian.

$\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has an editor of the catalogue; $B \Theta \Pi$, a keeper of the rolls; $\Theta \Delta X$, an editor of the catalogue; $\Phi K \Psi$, an editor of the grand catalogue; $\Sigma A E$, a catalogue editor; $K \Sigma$, a catalogue editor; ΣN , a catalogue editor (such office being held by another general officer).

$\Theta \Delta X$ has an editor of song book; $\Phi K \Psi$, a song book editor; $K \Sigma$, a song book editor; ΣN , a song book committee; $\Pi K A$, a standing committee on songs and music (6 members).

$\Pi K A$ has a standing committee on designs and illustrations (3 members).

$\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has a fraternity librarian; $\Theta \Delta X$, a custodian of archives; $\Sigma A E$, a custodian of files; $K \Sigma$, a fraternity librarian (such office being held by another general officer).

$\Phi\Theta\Delta$ has a custodian of secret work (such office being held by another general officer); $\Delta T \Delta$ has a ritualist; $A X P$, a standing committee on ritual (3 members).

$A X P$ has a standing committee on instruction (3 members) and a standing committee on discipline (3 members).

$\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has a chapter house commissioner; $\Phi K \Psi$, a permanent committee on chapter houses; $K \Sigma$, a worthy grand procurator; ΔT , a chapter house secretary.

$A T \Omega$ has a fraternity architect.

$\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has province presidents; $B \Theta \Pi$, district chiefs; ΣX , grand praetors of provinces; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, section chiefs; $\Phi K \Psi$, district archons; $\Delta T \Delta$, division presidents; $\Sigma A E$, province presidents, vice-presidents and secretary-treasurers; $A T \Omega$, province chiefs; $K \Sigma$, D. G. M.s for districts; ΣN , division inspectors; $K A$ (southern), state association secretaries; $\Pi K A$, district inspectors; ΔT , district presidents and secretaries, and a general district supervisor.

$\Phi K \Psi$ has a permanent committee on extension (3 members); $\Sigma \Phi E$, a charter committee (3 members).

$\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has an alumni commissioner; $\Phi K \Psi$, an alumni association board (5 members); $K A$ (southern), a chief alumnus; $\Pi K A$, a standing committee on alumni (66 members); ΔT , a secretary to alumni.

$\Phi K \Psi$ has an attorney general; ΣN , a grand counselor; $A T \Omega$, a

worthy high chancellor; $\Pi\ K\ A$, a grand chancellor; $K\ \Sigma$, an attorney general (such office being held by another general officer).

$\Sigma\ N$ has a grand chaplain; $\Pi\ K\ A$, a grand chaplain.

$X\ \Psi$ has a traveling secretary; $\Delta\ T$, a field secretary.

$\Pi\ K\ A$ has a grand councilor.

$\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$ has two lay archons.

$\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ and $\Sigma\ A\ E$ publish lists of their boards of trustees.

CHAPTERS CHARTERED BY FRATERNITIES, 1905 TO 1909.

Following is a list of chapters which have been established by the various fraternities since the last (1905) edition of "Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities" was published:

$A\ \Delta\ \Phi$ —California. (Died at Harvard.)

$A\ T\ \Omega$ —U. of Washington, Missouri, Massachusetts Inst. of Tech. (revived), Simpson (revived), W. and L. (revived), Wisconsin, Worcester Poly., Iowa State Col., Kentucky.

$A\ X\ P$ —Yale, Syracuse, Virginia, W. and L., Cornell.

$B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ —Iowa State Col., Toronto, Oklahoma, Tulane, Colorado Sch. of Mines.

$\Delta\ K\ E$ —Wisconsin.

$\Delta\ \Sigma\ \Phi$ —Pennsylvania State, W. and L., Texas, Auburn. (Died at Columbia, Pennsylvania State, Mass. Inst. of Tech.)

$\Delta\ T\ \Delta$ —Missouri, Lafayette (revived), Purdue, U. of Washington, Maine.

$\Delta\ T$ —Illinois, Miami (revived).

$\Delta\ \Phi$ —Virginia.

$Z\ \Psi$ —Illinois.

$\Phi\ \Delta\ X$ —Mass. Inst. of Tech., Illinois.

$\Theta\ \Xi$ —Rose Poly., Sheffield Sci. Sch. (revived).

$\Theta\ X$ —Maine, Rensselaer, Iowa State Col., Worcester Poly.

$K\ A$ (Southern)—Oklahoma, Washington U., Drury. (Died at S. W. Presbyterian, Furman, Florida, State Col., Kentucky Wesleyan, Wofford.)

$K\ \Sigma$ —New York U., Dartmouth, Harvard, Idaho, Syracuse, Oklahoma, Iowa State Col., Wash. State Col., Washburn. (Died at Wofford, S. W. Baptist.)

$\Pi\ K\ A$ (Southern (revived), Missouri Sch. of Mines, Georgetown (Ky.), Georgia. (Died at Wofford, Centenary, Vanderbilt, Cumberland, Roanoke, West Virginia).

$\Sigma\ A\ E$ —Iowa State Col., U. of Washington, Syracuse, Indiana, Dartmouth. (Died at V. M. I., Wofford.)

$\Sigma\ N$ —Virginia (revived), Syracuse, Case, Dartmouth, Columbia, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania State, Western Reserve.

$\Sigma\ \Phi\ E$ —U. of North Carolina, North Carolina A. and M., Wittenberg, Purdue, Chicago, Syracuse, W. and L., Randolph-Macon, Georgia Tech., Virginia, Delaware State, Lehigh, Arkansas, V. M. I., Ohio State, Norwich, Trinity (N. C.), Dartmouth, Auburn. (Died at Roanoke, W. and J., Wittenberg, Illinois, Bethany, U. of North Carolina).

$\Sigma\Phi$ —Wisconsin.

ΣX —Colorado, Arkansas, Montana, Utah, North Dakota, Wabash (revised).

$\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ —Iowa State Col., Colorado Col. (Died at C. C. N. Y., Roanoke).

$\Phi\Delta\Theta$ —Toronto, South Dakota, Idaho.

$\Phi K\Sigma$ —Purdue, Chicago, Michigan, California. (Died at Charleston.)

$\Phi K\Psi$ —Case, Missouri (revived).

$\Phi\Sigma K$ —Brown, Williams, Virginia, Swarthmore, California.

$X\Phi$ —(Died at Wofford).

$\Omega\Pi A$ —(Died at Columbia, Cornell, U. of Pennsylvania, Lehigh.)

The accompanying table gives the number of active chapters of the various general fraternities for men in 1883, 1890, 1898 and 1905, as shown by editions of "American College Fraternities" published in those years, and the number at the present time.

ACTIVE CHAPTERS OF FRATERNITIES, 1883 TO 1909.

	1883	1890	1898	1905	1909
Kappa Sigma	14	22	47	70	77
Phi Delta Theta	44	66	63	69	72
Beta Theta Pi	44	60	62	67	72
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	16	31	54	66	69
Sigma Nu	6	20	39	54	63
Alpha Tau Omega	26	35	42	51	60
Sigma Chi	34	38	50	53	59
Psi Gamma Delta	27	40	44	57	57
Delta Tau Delta	32	39	38	47	52
Kappa Alpha (S)	18	26	37	49	47
Phi Kappa Psi	34	35	38	42	44
Delta Kappa Upsilon	29	34	35	41	42
Delta Upsilon	17	26	31	36	38
Phi Kappa Sigma	9	11	12	24	27
Pi Kappa Alpha	2	4	13	29	27
Theta Delta Chi	13	18	21	24	26
Sigma Phi Epsilon				13	26
Alpha Delta Phi	17	19	23	24	24
Phi Sigma Kappa			8	19	24
Zeta Psi	19	20	20	22	23
Psi Upsilon	17	17	21	22	22
Chi Psi	21	21	19	20	19
Chi Psi	16	16	19	18	17
Delta Phi	7	11	12	11	12
Theta Xi	3	4	4	8	11
Alpha Chi Rho			3	6	11
Delta Psi	9	9	8	8	8
Sigma Phi	6	7	8	8	8
Kappa Alpha (N)	4	4	6	7	7
Delta Sigma Phi				5	6
Theta Chi				2	5
Omega Pi Alpha				6	2
Total	484	633	777	978	1057

COLLEGIATE.

Items of news more suitable for this department than for chapters letters should be sent direct to the Assistant Editor.

Ohio State University has under construction a \$75,000 student building.

By bequest from Theodore Kearney, the University of California has received \$1,400,000.

The veteran iron master, John Fritz, has given Lehigh \$50,000 for an engineering laboratory.

The legislature of Maine has appropriated to the University of Maine \$100,000 a year for four years.

By bequest from Charles R. Gregory, of St. Louis, the University of Missouri has received \$500,000 to help needy students.

The University of Mississippi has a new \$50,000 Carnegie library, and the old building formerly used for a library will accommodate the law school.

Lord Strathcona, chancellor of McGill University, recently gave it \$500,000. This gift brings the total of his donations to McGill up to considerably more than \$1,000,000, not counting the Royal Victoria (Women's) College, which was built and equipped by him.

The fiftieth anniversary of the University of California, which will occur in May, 1910, will be marked by the erection of a \$100,000 alumni hall, which will contain a large assembly hall for the annual alumni reunions, rooms for graduates, and offices for college publications.

The educational bill, recently passed by the state legislature, will give the university the financial support that it has so greatly needed. The entrance requirements have been raised for next year and the University of Tennessee should soon be one of the greatest universities in the south.—Tennessee correspondence, K Σ Caduceus.

Educational "plants," like other institutions made up of combined brick and mortar and human personalities, have their limit of creditable output. Williams College for some time has let it be known that it was content to be small, and Dartmouth's most serious present problem is that of remaining a "small college."—Boston *Herald*.

The legislature of Pennsylvania recently appropriated \$750,000 for the University of Pennsylvania during the next two years, but, owing to an excess of appropriations Governor Stuart was compelled to reduce the amount to \$480,000. Of this sum, \$200,000 will go to the university hospital, \$20,000 to the library, \$130,000 to general maintenance and \$130,000 to the veterinary school. The state of Pennsylvania has thus once more recognized the claim of the university to state support, to which it is entitled through its foundation.

The Rhodes system having now been in operation at Oxford for five years, this article possesses particular interest to educational circles in this country. About 90 young men, drawn from every state in the Union, are now pursuing studies at Oxford. In addition are 80 others who have completed three-year courses and returned to this country. During the past year the distribution of studies among the Rhodes scholars has been as follows: In jurisprudence, 45; in natural science, 25;

in letters, 20; in history, 20; while in other departments there were from five to ten, with smaller numbers in such special departments as oriental languages, medicine, and forestry.—*Literary Digest*.

The Peabody board of trustees has awarded \$1,000,000 to the George Peabody College for Teachers, which is the successor of the old University of Nashville. The state of Tennessee has given it \$250,000; the city of Nashville, \$200,000; Davidson county \$100,000; and \$250,000 has been promised by a prominent financier, said to be J. Pierpont Morgan. The award from the Peabody trustees was made on condition that the college be moved from its present site, in the southern part of the city, to a site adjoining or near Vanderbilt University, in the western part of the city. The old campus of 16 acres will sell probably for \$300,000. It is announced that options have been secured on 25 acres for a new campus near the 75-acre campus of Vanderbilt. The two institutions will not be merged; each will have its own faculty and student body; but there will co-operation and an interchange of libraries, laboratories, lectures, classroom facilities, etc.

At least one "school of journalism" has scored. The newspaper printed for practice by the University of Missouri has aroused the jealousy and opposition of the newspapers published in Columbia. The students get out a daily, the *University Missourian*, edited according to metropolitan ideas, and under the direction of an experienced newspaper man, which, it is easily conceivable, residents of Columbia might prefer to the "real newspapers." The owners of the latter went before the legislature and secured a clause in the university appropriation providing that none of the money should be used to support a newspaper if it printed paid advertisements or charged for subscriptions. This was expected to compel the *University Missourian* to relinquish its business end. But the dean of the school declares that this would take all zest out of the undertaking, and plans instead to cut loose from state aid, push the business side, and make the publication self-supporting. As they say in Missouri, *nous verrons*.—*New York Evening Post*.

The legislature of Wisconsin now in session has provided the University of Wisconsin with approximately \$2,500,000 for the next two years. The permanent income of the university is supplied by a tax of two-sevenths of a mill on each dollar of assessed valuation of property. This tax will yield the university approximately \$750,000 for the year 1909-10, and more than \$800,000 for the year 1910-11. The sum of \$100,000 annually for the next two years was appropriated, in addition, to meet the necessities not covered by increase in the tax income fund. Besides this, \$50,000 a year was given for books and apparatus. The legislature also provided \$600,000 for buildings to be erected in the order of their greatest need during the next two years. This is a continuation of the building fund of \$200,000 a year for a period of three years. For extension work \$50,000 was appropriated for next year, and \$75,000 for the year following. An additional grant of \$30,000 was made for agricultural extension, and \$20,000 was provided for farmers' institutes.

BOY OF FOURTEEN GRADUATES WITH A. B.

Norbel Weiner, of Medford, Mass., was graduated from Tufts College last June with the degree of A. B., *cum laude*. Were it not for

the fact that he is only a boy of fourteen years old, and that he took the regular four year course in three, there would be nothing startling in the announcement. He is undoubtedly the boy prodigy of the country.

He could repeat the alphabet at the age of eleven months, could read and write at three, and at the age of eight was fitted for college in mathematics, philosophy, modern languages, and the sciences.

When he entered Tufts in the fall of 1906 he had gone further in chemistry and philosophy than the average senior. He was required to take several entrance examinations, mathematics among them, in which he was found to be far in advance of the freshman class. So, as a freshman, he did upper class work in the theory of equations and in determinants, while in philosophy it was found necessary to place him in a class by himself.

This fall he will enter the Harvard graduate school, where he will elect work in higher mathematics. He is a son of Prof. Leo Weiner, of Harvard.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION INCREASED TO \$53,000,000.

Coincident with the celebration of his seventieth birthday, John D. Rockefeller increased his donations to the General Education Board, by a gift of \$10,000,000, which makes the total foundation amount to \$53,000,000, all of which was given by him.

At the same time Mr. Rockefeller entrusted to the board the responsibility of distributing the principal of the fund among the educational institutions of the land if it shall be deemed advisable by a sufficiently large quota of the membership.

Chairman Gates of the board, in announcing the new \$10,000,000 gift, said that it was contributed because the income of the present funds immediately available for appropriations had been exhausted, and that it was found necessary to have additional income in order to meet educational needs "of present great importance." He further said that the board made it a rule never to exceed immediately available income—which might amount to \$80,000 or \$90,000 a month—in its awards to colleges and universities, and that something like 300 applications had been received by the board beyond the number which it had already acted upon, which is large.

STATE UNIVERSITIES SHARE IN CARNEGIE FUND.

The Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Toronto have been admitted to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

These are the first state institutions to be allowed participation in the professors' retiring allowance system. When Mr. Carnegie first gave \$10,000,000 to establish the college professors' pension funds, state institutions were not included within the endowment. Later he gave \$5,000,000 more in response to a petition of the National Association of State Universities.

At that time the professors in institutions supported largely by state funds argued that it was unlikely that any state would make a retiring fund for its professors, because of the probability that such action would raise the whole question of pensions for state officers. On the other hand, they argued that if such funds were not established, an important section in American higher education would be placed at a serious disadvantage.

President Pritchett, of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, has made a caustic report, which charges that a large number of the students at Harvard, Columbia, Yale, Amherst, Princeton, Wellesley, and the University of Illinois have been admitted without the necessary requirements, thus violating the conditions of the Foundation. President Pritchett's report was followed by a statement from Secretary Bowman that Harvard, Columbia, and New York Universities had been formally warned that they would be excluded from the benefits of the Foundation if they did not make certain improvements at once.

COLLEGE COLORS OVER FORTY YEARS OLD.

Prof. E. J. Bartlett, who heads the department of chemistry in Dartmouth, has devoted a part of his leisure time of late to delving into the history of college colors and has published the results of his study in the Dartmouth *Bi-Monthly*. His researches seem to show that the colleges began to pick each a distinctive color or combination of colors about 1865 and that within two or three years most of the eastern colleges, at least, were laying claim to the hues they now use. The first recorded mention that he found was in August, 1865, when the Williams *Quarterly* said:

College Color.—The want of some appropriate symbol by which the members of the college might be distinguished from those of other colleges has at last been met by the choice of the royal purple as our college color. The college is indebted for the selection to the taste of some of the young ladies who have spent the summer with us.

Harvard's red—for it was not called crimson then—and Yale's blue were in use, however, at least as early and perhaps earlier, for the Yale *Courant* of July 25, 1866, the first year of its issue, made this appeal to the students at New Haven:

Show Your Colors.—At Worcester, day after to-morrow, every son of Yale and Harvard will be called on to show his colors. Yale is true blue, Harvard is red. Last year Harvard was very profuse in this display up to the close of the race. Yale was lacking. Some wag remarked that Yale boys were ashamed to wear blue when every Harvard man wore it on his phiz. Though Harvard wears it, let every son and friend of Yale be proud to show their love and loyalty by wearing the blue. Hamilton College has just adopted orange as the college color. Williams has purple.

A Dartmouth student, A. A. Thomas, '67, saw the regatta and he regretted that his college had no distinctive mark. A meeting was held at his suggestion, green was selected as the color and this notice sent to the Harvard *Advocate* in October, 1866:

College Colors.—Our correspondent at Dartmouth wishes us to notice that the Dartmouth students have adopted green as their color, their selection being somewhat influenced by the fact that it was necessary for their institution, "as one of the original colleges of the country," to be represented by one of the

primary colors, and green was the only one left to them. He also suggests that any man who persists in "cracking the feeble jokes so threadbare and hackneyed on this really beautiful color," while our correspondent is "a-wearing of the green," will be likely to have his "head cracked" at that gentleman's expense. This had best not be forgotten.

Perhaps it is worth while to mention what colleges have thus absorbed the primary colors. Harvard has always worn the various shades of red, one of which might well be assigned to each class. Yale wears blue. Brown is as sober in its aspiration as its name implies. Williams has taken purple, Hamilton orange and Amherst, we believe, yellow.

Amherst's color is no longer yellow. Many years ago it turned to the purple and white. That color has gone to the University of Rochester, which had yet another in this list, printed in 1868, in "Carmina Collegensia."

College Colors.—As a distinctive mark 14 of the foregoing colleges have chosen colors as follows: 1, Harvard, red; 2, Yale, blue; 3, Brown, brown; 4, Dartmouth, green; 5, Williams, purple; 6, Bowdoin, white; 7, Union, magenta; 8, Hamilton, orange; 9, Amherst, purple and white; 10, Wesleyan, lavender; 11, University of New York, violet; 12, Western Reserve, bismarck and purple; 13, Michigan, azure blue and maize; 14, Rochester, magenta and white.

THE PYX.

News of interesting events, occurring after chapter letters have been forwarded, and as late as the 20th or 25th of the month preceding the month of publication, should be forwarded promptly, to appear in this department.

About ten years ago the size of type used for the department of Chapter Correspondence in THE SCROLL was changed from 10 point (long primer) to 8 point (brevier). The change was made from motives of economy. For the same reason the type in which other departments are set is now changed from 10 point to the smaller size. Our object is to give in the departments of Personal, Hellenic, Collegiate and The Pyx as much news as can possibly be crowded into them. By using smaller type, considerably more matter can be printed within a given number of pages. We cannot say that we ourselves are very much pleased with the change to type of the smaller size for these departments. So attached are we to the familiar appearance of THE SCROLL that even a minor change in its typographical make-up gives a wrench to our feelings.

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It is interesting to note that the present size of the pages of THE SCROLL is the same now as it was in 1875, when the first number was published. The running head is set in the same font of type as then. In the first volume, as in the last ten volumes, Chapter Correspondence was set in smaller type than the introductory pages. The size of pages was irregular for several years, but the original size was adopted again in 1883, and it has not been changed since. Every editor since then has endeavored to improve the typographical appearance of the magazine, while holding closely to the original form and making changes very cautiously. Far be it from us to lay violent hands on the form which has been approved by our worthy predecessors. We fear, however, that some of our readers who love THE SCROLL as we do may arise in their

wrath and denounce us as iconoclasts, for making the change which appears in this issue. Hence we wish to evade, as far as possible, the responsibility by announcing that this change was considered and finally approved by the general council at its recent meeting at Put-in-Bay.

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The June SCROLL contained an article on "Three Writers of Juvenile Books." We learn that all three of the latest books by these Phis were printed from plates made by the Vail Company of which Brother J. B. Ballou, T. G. C., is secretary and treasurer. Brother Ballou obtained the orders but did not know that any except one of the three was a Phi until he read the article in the June SCROLL.

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The St. Louis Alumni Club has opened club rooms at Suite 516-517 Holland Building which is located on Seventh and Pine Streets.

All Phis passing through town, and those coming to St. Louis to live are urged to register at the rooms and get acquainted with the local alumni.

Yours in the Bond,

CHRISTY M. FARRAR,
Secretary St. Louis Alumni Club.

The house committee are: C. E. Glasgow, Robt. Miller, C. L. Orth, Christy M. Farrar, Charles Wall, Jr., Ralph B. Campbell.

We will watch with interest this progressive move on the part of our St. Louis brothers.

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The list of members who attended the Pittsburg convention, as published in the February SCROLL showed that the number was 351—120 officers and delegates and 231 visiting members. However, the list did not include either Burton L. French, *Idaho*, '01, or Lawrence R. Wilder, *Purdue*, '11, both of whom were initiated at the convention. By some oversight, too, the name of the former does not appear among the alumni of Idaho Alpha, nor the name of the latter among the members of Indiana Theta, as such lists appeared in the annual circular letters of those chapters for this year. They should, of course, be enrolled.

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Alumni club luncheons are regularly held as follows:

Boston, Marston's restaurant, Hanover Street, Saturdays at one o'clock.

Chicago, Boston Oyster House, down stairs, Southeast corner of Madison and Clark Streets, Fridays at 12:30 o'clock.

Cleveland, Hoff Brau House, 631 Prospect Avenue, Monday 12 to 1:30. Dallas, Texas, Southland Hotel, Fridays at noon.

Indianapolis, Commercial Club, Saturdays at 12:15 o'clock.

Kansas City, Wednesdays at 10 o'clock.

Minneapolis, Dorner's Café, Wednesday noon.

Nashville, The Duncan, Fridays, at 12:30.

New Orleans, Hotel Bush, Saturday.

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New York, Kalil restaurant, 14 Park place, Thursdays at one o'clock.
Pittsburg, Hotel Henry, Fridays at 12:15 o'clock.
St. Louis, Leonhardt's, 320 Market Street, Fridays, 12:30 to 1:30.
San Francisco, Argonaut Hotel, Third Street, near Market, Friday noon.
Schenectady, Crown Hotel, Tuesdays at 12:15.
Seattle, Ranier Grand Hotel, weekly.
Spokane, Alternate Fridays.
Providence, Mumford's restaurant, on Westminster Street, Fridays at one o'clock.

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Fred R. Cowles, vice-president of Zeta Province, announces that the Zeta Province Convention will be held in Kansas City, the last three days of Thanksgiving week, November 25, 26 and 27. One of the features of the convention will be the annual Missouri-Kansas football game.

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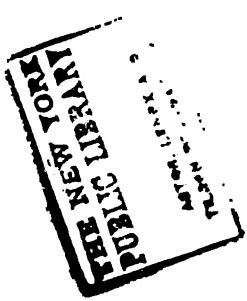
The Central Iowa Alumni Club of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has issued invitations to its second annual dinner at the new Grant Club in Des Moines, September 1. With Brother R. W. Baily, Wisconsin, '08, in charge the meeting ought to be a great success.

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This number of THE SCROLL is issued before many of our chapters have re-assembled. It is therefore impossible to send to each chapter the exact number of magazines required. Any chapter which does not receive its full quota may obtain additional copies by writing the *Editor*.

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A full classified index of the last volume of THE SCROLL is sent out with this issue. It should be bound with the volume. It is especially important for all chapters to preserve bound volumes of THE SCROLL and *The Palladium* as they preserve the current history of the Fraternity. With the lapse of time they become more valuable, and it becomes more and more difficult to replace missing numbers. Each chapter should have a file as far back as it can possibly obtain.



ILLINOIS ZETA's NEW CHAPTER HOUSE, LOMBARD COLLEGE.



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LOMBARD COLLEGE AND ILLINOIS ZETA.

THE COLLEGE.

The year 1850 saw the beginning of Lombard when there gathered at Greenbush, Ill., a number of Universalists to discuss plans for the establishment of a school which would be free from the creed drilling and bigotry that marked many of the institutions of those days. After discussion, Rev. C. P. West was invited to put the matter into form to be presented to the Spoor River Association, a league of Universalist Churches, which was to meet at Greenbush, May 19, 1850. The association adopted the plans submitted by Mr. West.

Some optimist among them may have seen in his minds eye the beautiful campus and the imposing structures which are the Lombard of today, but their plans then were only for an institute. By two year's hard work sufficient money was raised to erect a building and provide for three instructors and in the fall of 1852, the Illinois Liberal Institute began its career with P. Raymond Kendall as principal. The enrollment in the opening year was 60, and the year following 137.

The institute was located on Seminary Street, in Galesburg, Ill., near the present location of the Burlington passenger station. It had three main departments: academic, collegiate and scientific. There was also a department of "ornamental branches" in which were taught "all the branches required to give the young ladies a thorough ornamental education."

To Principal Kendall, Lombard owes much. He constantly urged the need of a college.

On the night of April 27, 1855, the institute building was burned to the ground, and the indomitable Professor Kendall now pressed upon the board his plans for a college. Working hard himself and inspiring others to do the same, in two months there was raised the required \$50,000. In September, 1855 the university was organized and opened for registration of students, though the classes had to meet in various rooms about Galesburg while the new building was being erected.

Among the donors who had made this possible, the most prominent was Benjamin Lombard, Sr. In those times when the vast fortunes of today were unknown he donated in land and property \$20,000, in appreciation of which the new institution was given the name of Lombard.

At the outset Lombard favored co-education. Amid the scorn and ridicule of other institutions she threw her doors wide open to women as well as men. Many of those who ridiculed this policy have since adopted it and almost all of the leading schools of the country have adopted co-education.

That Lombard has lived and progressed has been due to the fact that there have always been in the faculty men who had a deep and abiding love for the institution, men who wished to see it grow and prosper because of the principles it stood for. Dr. Otis A. Skinner succeeded Professor Kendall in 1857. He was a man of brilliant parts and so intense was his application that in 1859 his health failed and he resigned. James P. Weston, D.D., was then called to the executive office. He was the main force in the canvass which resulted in an endowment fund of \$100,000. The most generous gift was from Loretus E. Conger, amounting to \$12,000.

Dr. Weston occupied his position until 1872, raising the standard of scholarship and placing financial affairs upon a firm basis.

In 1880 the board of trustees voted to add a divinity department. A curriculum was arranged leading to the degree of bachelor of divinity. Matriculation began in 1881. The school received its name from Dr. W. H. Ryder, who saw and agitated the need for it, and gave to the school more than \$40,000.

In 1881, through the efforts of the association of graduates a hall was built on Pine Street for the use of the women of the college. A department in elocution, oratory and dramatic art was instituted in 1886.

In 1895 the trustees made a move which was in strict accordance with modern ideas as to the sort of man required at the head of a college. For this position a man with strong executive ability combined with a love of scholarship was found in the person of Dr. Charles Ellwood Nash, *Lombard*, '75, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who came to Lombard in December, 1895. His wonderful personality and indomitable energy sent the college forward at a rate that has astonished those watching the institution.

In 1896 Ladies Hall was erected. In 1897 the gymnasium

MAIN BUILDING, LOMBARD COLLEGE.



was built. Inside of it is a tablet commemorating the class of '97 whose efforts made a success of the canvass for funds for building. The gymnasium is admirably adapted to all the needs of those seeking physical culture. To this in large measure may be ascribed the prominent place taken by Lombard in athletics the past few years.

The next president of Lombard, and the one who now heads the college, came to us from St. Lawrence University, Dr. Lewis B. Fisher, D.D., who has proven to be exactly the man for the place. Largely through his efforts the endowment of the college was increased by the new \$100,000 endowment fund which was raised two years ago.

We know our college is small but we are not ashamed of the fact and what is more we glory in the thought that we are just big enough, just powerful enough to hold our own with any of the rivals we meet in all lines of college competition.

The love of our old students is ever strong for the college and it takes but a note of a familiar song, or the first howl of the college cheer, to make them see it all again. In this respect it is like all true American colleges, for it commands the love and loyal support of all its sons and daughters.

ILLINOIS ZETA.

Brother George Banta, past P. G. C., now president of Zeta Province, is perhaps responsible, more than any one else for the location of a $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ chapter at Lombard College. He first conceived the idea of locating a chapter here in 1877 and he never faltered until Illinois Zeta was organized. Through the influence of anti-fraternity laws the Fraternity at this time was almost destitute of chapters at Illinois. The $\Phi\Sigma$ League at Lombard was a thriving local fraternity and through their desire to become national, Brother Banta's fight to keep the Fraternity alive in Illinois and the influence of J. A. Wakefield, a member of $\Phi\Sigma$, Illinois Zeta of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ was established.

The official application for a charter was made December 15, 1877, by H. L. Arnold, '78; William McGann, Jr., '78; S. C. Ransom, '78; F. E. Claycomb, '79; O. H. Swigart, '80; D. P. Gingrich, '82; P. G. Reynolds, '82; G. M. Swart, '82 and J. D. Swart, '82.

Brother Banta received the application December 18, but as the "National Grand" had rejected an application from Illinois Wesleyan, he did not forward it to the fraternity officials. During the year 1877-8, the Knox chapter had but three mem-



LADIES' HALL, LOMBARD COLLEGE.



GYMNASIUM, LOMBARD COLLEGE.

bers, all seniors. In February, 1878, Brother Banta obtaining the consent of Brothers Norris and Whitehead, transferred the Knox charter to Lombard and thus the Lombard chapter of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ was born. Although this was the real date of our birth, November 4, 1878, is the one recorded in the chapter annals. On this day M. C. Summers was initiated into the Fraternity with a ceremony that embraced parts of the rituals of both $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ and $\Phi\Sigma$. There were but three members besides the new initiate.

Summers at once became active in the work of the Fraternity and by June, 1879, twenty men had been initiated into the mysteries of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. Since that time there have been dark and gloomy periods but with characteristic Phi pluck, the men in the chapter have always rallied around the blue and white and the present chapter is a testimonial to the splendid fight some of the older men made in our behalf.

The first house Illinois Zeta built at the corner of Knox and Locust Streets was lost during the hard times of 1893 but since that time "Build again" has been the slogan of our chapter. Last year shortly before the national convention ground was broken for our new home on Lombard campus.

Three places in the vicinity of Lombard College now bear the $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ mark as former or present homes of Illinois Zeta. The first hall was in the basement of the college and the three Greek-letters of the Fraternity carved above one of the windows show where the Phis first met. The next permanent home was the "Sam D. Harsh Memorial House" which was finally lost, enough money however, being saved to give the fund for our present home a good start.

To say that the active chapter of today is proud of the fine house we now occupy would be putting it mildly. We have eight active men and nine pledges, the latter the pick of the freshman class, and Illinois Zeta is entering upon a period of great prosperity and influence.

THE CHAPTER HOUSE.

Located on the prettiest part of Lombard's beautiful campus, the new home of Illinois Zeta is one of the most conspicuous in the entire group of buildings. With the old college building a short distance to the north, the gymnasium on the east and beyond that the broad expanse of Lombard Field, it is indeed an ideal location. The college pole, around which the class scraps are held, is located just south of the house. The entire campus is our yard.



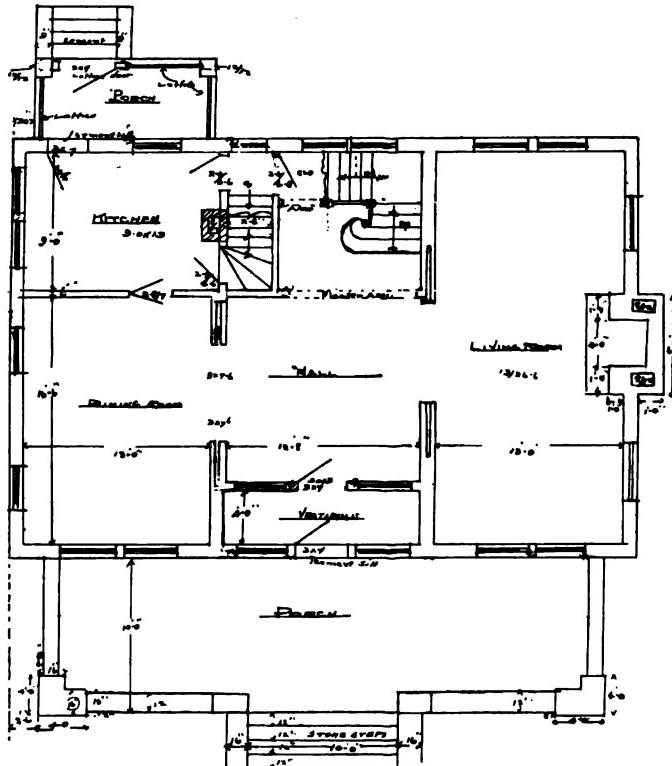
ILLINOIS ZETA, ACTIVE CHAPTER.



LIVING ROOM, ILLINOIS ZETA CHAPTER HOUSE.

While the house is not large, it is considered to be ideal for a small chapter. From the huge front porch to the chapter room in the basement, it is admirably adapted to the needs of a fraternity.

Perhaps the main feature of the house is the elegant living

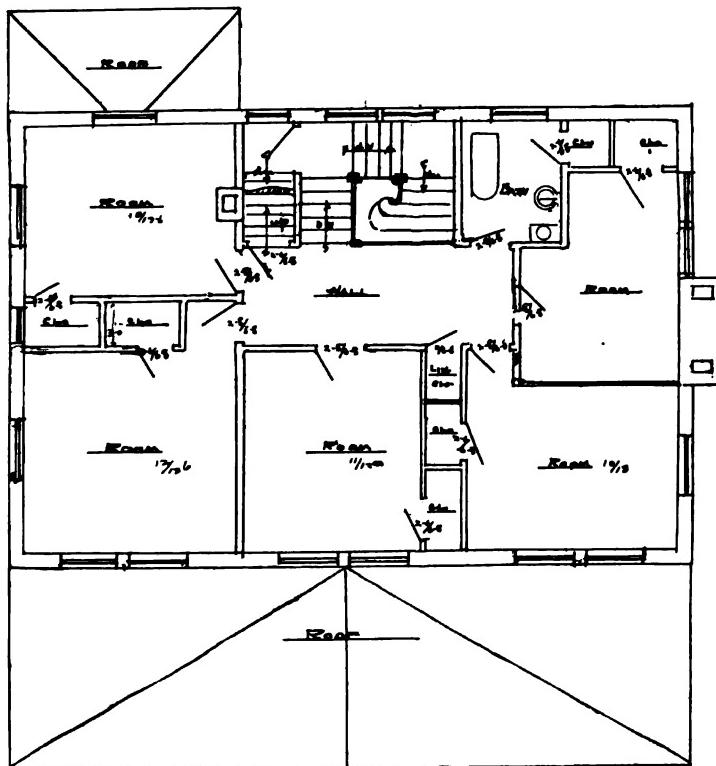


FIRST FLOOR PLAN—ILLINOIS ZETA CHAPTER HOUSE.

room, a picture of which is shown on another page. This room is 24 x 14 feet in size and with its cherry fireplace and other agreeable surroundings is the real home of the chapter.

To accurately describe the house it is necessary to say that it is a three story brick structure, the plans for which were drawn by Brother J. Grant Beadle of Illinois Delta. The main entrance leads into a small hall, which is provided with

coat hooks, umbrella racks, etc. This opens into a large reception hall. To the right is the living room and to the left the dining room. The fireplace in the living room is to be decorated with a memorial tablet on which the name of our revered brother Sam D. Harsh will appear. Fraternity banners, pic-



SECOND FLOOR PLAN—ILLINOIS ZETA CHAPTER HOUSE.

tures of the present and former chapters, of the founders and other pictures dear to the members of the chapter decorate the walls.

The dining room is to be called our "stein room." We have all ordered steins and hereafter every man who comes into the chapter is to purchase a stein for this room. Both the dining and living rooms have panelled ceilings and dark mission fin-

ish. The kitchen, a model little room, opens off the dining room.

On the second floor are five rooms which we use for study rooms. They are all fine light rooms, each large enough to accommodate two or three men. Like the downstairs the finishing is dark. The rooms all open into a large hall. The third floor is used for sleeping purposes, the dormitory system being in vogue.

The chapter room is located in the basement. It is 24 x 12 and fitted up in splendid shape. The rest of the basement is taken up by a shower and locker room and the heating plant. Our store rooms are on the third floor. We believe that the new home of Illinois Zeta is just the sort of a house for a small chapter and we rejoice in the fulfillment of a long cherished desire.

JNO. I. LEONARD, *Lombard*, '10,
GEORGE F. CLAYCOMB, *Lombard*, '12.

"A CERTAIN RICH MAN" BY WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE.

AN APPRECIATION, BY RAY STANNARD BAKER.

The last thing I should venture to attempt would be a review, in any conventional sense, of William Allen White's latest book. I am hopelessly prejudiced. The book is by a friend of mine whom I admire and love very much. His spirit and personality speak from every page of it; it is full of his own philosophy of life, his own native qualities of humor and kindness, his own homely wisdom. As I read the book, it seemed to me not like a novel, not like fiction at all, but like some singularly wise and sympathetic person playing in and out of a story—an illusion of stage-play is, indeed, maintained throughout the book—with the idea of making us feel the rising spirit of the Middle West.

"A Certain Rich Man" is the fictional counterpart of "The Old Order Changeth"—that series of optimistic papers upon the new America upon which White was at work at the very time he was writing his novel. Both books bear the same message, interpret the same spirit.

"A Certain Rich Man" is intensely a book for the times. White is Kansas; Kansas is White. No one better expressed the spirit of Kansas than White did in his famous editorial "What is the matter with Kansas?" Kansas recognized that



WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE.

expression as its own voice: and the country at large recognized it as the voice of Kansas.

Nothing could better show how close in sympathy and understanding is the author and his people than his reception a few weeks ago when he returned to Emporia from his first trip to Europe. "A Certain Rich Man" had then just been published. His home town, indeed a good part of Kansas, turned out in one way or another to celebrate his return. They met him and his family at the depot with a brass band which played "The Conquering Hero Comes." They had a procession and banners:

"IN OUR TOWN ONCE AGAIN".

**"WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH KANSAS,
HEY BILL?**

An editor of a newspaper in a neighboring city published an extra edition which was handed to White as he stepped off the train. In the center of the first page was a large picture of the author, on one side of which were the words, "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen." On the opposite side was, "Back to Emporia, with all his glory."

They got him into a "low-necked" hack and with cheering and crowds brought him to the park band-stand in the center of town where there were speeches, and laughter and tears. What writer of any ordinary book would have had such a greeting!

Thus Kansas speaks in White's book, and Kansas means the Middle West, and the Middle West has a peculiar spirit of its own. It is the old, hardy New England spirit of democracy, which, migrating westward with the pioneers, has been sweetened and deepened by years of common hardships, common schools, common endeavors. In its essence it is a religious spirit, not ecclesiastical, not formal—but deeply and sincerely religious and democratic. It has humor, and kindness, and under pressure, a dogged determination.

It is not for nothing that the Middle West is insurgent in politics, that its La Follettes, Murdochs, Cummings, Dollivers, Bristows and Nelsons are its popular leaders. White's book shows why. If any one would understand the spirit behind the Middle Western insurgency—and take warning—let him read White's story.

For the story, like the spirit it interprets, strikes its roots into the soil of freedom. It opens with a picture of the struggle in Kansas against the institution of slavery, and it shows how that undimmed passion for freedom is now acting upon the problems of irresponsible and oppressive wealth. In the soul of John Barclay, the "certain rich man" of the story, are worked out and pictured the struggle of the times. The book, which is as crowded with characters as "*Vanity Fair*," leisurely unfolds a whole section of humanity, follows the logic of human frailty and human courage into the uttermost reaches of many human hearts. A big book, big with the times, big with true realism—like Thackeray—it also smiles with humor and is savored with the salt of wisdom. And there is not within it a single note of hatred—not one. But through it all—the purpose of it all—is the expression of the moral spirit of an awakening country. The key-note of the story is struck early in the book in the words of General Ward spoken to the young lawyer, John Barclay, the multi-millionaire that was to be.

"John," said the General one day, as they were dividing their first five hundred dollar fee, "you're a lucky dog. Everything comes so easily with you. Let we tell you something; I've figured this out; if you don't give it back some way—give it back to the world, or society, or your fellows—or God, if you like to bunch your good luck under one head—you're surely going to suffer for it. There is no come-easy-go-easy in this world. I've learned that much of the scheme of things."

"You mean that I've got to pay as I go, or Providence will keep books on me and foreclose," asked John, as he stood patting the roll of bills in his trousers pocket.

"That's the idea, son," smiled the older man.

But John Barclay didn't catch the idea—then. He put "too little faith in God and too much in the ability of John Barclay." He thought he could "beat the game—take out more happiness for himself than he put in for others."

It is a wonderful story of swift success in money-making and how it affected John Barclay's friends, his enemies, his town, his state, the whole nation.

"He was a rich man—was John Barclay; some people thought that, taking his wealth as wealth goes, all carefully invested in substantial things—in material things, let us say—he was the richest man in the Mississippi Valley. He bought a railroad that day when he looked through the office window at Mollie Brownwell—a railroad three thousand miles long. And he bought a man's soul in a distant city—a man whom he did not know even by name, but the soul was thrown in to boot in a bargain; and he bought a woman's body whose face



RAY STANNARD BAKER, *Lansing*, '89, *Michigan*, '93.

he had never seen, and that went as part of another trade he was making and he did not even know they had thrown it in. And he bought a child's life, and he bought a city's property in another bargain, and bought the homage of a state, and the tribute of a European kingdom, as part of the day's huckstering. But with all his wealth and power he could not buy one tear—not one little, miserable tear to moisten his grief-dried heart. For tears, just then, were a trifle high, so Mr. Barclay had to do without, though the woman whose body came with a trade, sobbed, and the dead face of the child was stained with a score of tears."

Finally the author lets us see how John Barclay met his own heaped-up, long-unpaid debt to society. This conclusion I must not here venture to comment upon, lest it spoil some reader's pleasure in the story itself. To those who have already read "A Certain Rich Man" I can only extend my felicitations; and I shall allow myself to envy those who have not, for the pleasure they still have in store.

RAY STANNARD BAKER, *Lansing*, '89.

MIAMI'S CENTENNIAL AND OHIO ALPHA'S REUNION.

The centennial of Miami University was celebrated during commencement week, 1909, beginning on Saturday; June 12. During the week many alumni returned, and every house in Oxford threw open its doors to welcome them.

On Saturday evening the auditorium was packed to overflowing. The entertainment was furnished entirely by the students. Each class gave a vaudeville skit. When the programme was concluded all of the students formed in line, according to their classes, and, by the light of red fire and torches and to the music of the band, paraded the town.

At 10:30 on Sunday morning the academic procession formed at the auditorium and marched to the open air pavillion, where Dr. Guy Potter Benton delivered a sermon on "The Permanency of the Kingdom of God." The music was furnished by our glee club. In the evening the annual sermon was delivered before the christian associations.

The board of trustees held its annual meeting on Monday. In the evening the graduating normal class presented two short plays in the auditorium.

Class reunions were held on Tuesday morning. At noon a luncheon for alumni was served in Herron gymnasium. In the afternoon the graduating exercises of the normal department took place. In the evening the seniors of the liberal arts gave their annual play, which was "Twelfth Night" this year.

Wednesday was centennial day proper. A special train from Cincinnati brought the private car of Governor Harmon and his staff. At 10:30 the procession formed in the auditorium. Led by a band, came the presidents of various colleges and the speakers of the day. The alumni were grouped according to the different presidents under whose administration they had attended Miami, and at the head of each group a banner bearing the name of the president of that administration was carried. Behind these marched the various classes. The whole line contained nearly 700 persons.

The open-air pavillion was packed, and all those present felt well rewarded, as the speeches were indeed very fine. The following made addresses: Dr. Guy Potter Benton, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, president of Miami University; Dr. R. W. McFarland, Dr. E. D. Warfield, Dr. W. O. Thompson, and Dr. D. S. Tappan, former presidents of Miami University; Dr. F. W. Hinitt, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, president of Central University; Dr. A. R. Hill, president of the University of Missouri; Dr. H. C. King, president of Oberlin College; Dr. J. G. Newman, president of Western



THE CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL GATE AND SLANTING WALK—MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

THE ALUMNI LIBRARY—MIAMI UNIVERSITY.



College; Dr. Jane Sherzer, president of Oxford College; Prof. E. C. Hayes, of the University of Illinois; Prof. C. W. Harrgett, of Syracuse University; Hon. Judson Harmon, governor of Ohio; Hon. E. E. Brown. Gen. H. C. Taylor, Dr. H. M. MacCracken, Dr. E. E. Powell, J. M. Wilkson, M. D., and P. W. Schlenck, '09.

Wednesday evening, from 7 until 9 o'clock was given over to the reunions of the literary societies, and at 9.30 the fraternities gave their banquets. This was the greatest event of the week for the members of Ohio Alpha. At the banquet tendered to our alumni in the Morrison Memorial Chapter House, fifty-five Phis were seated, varying in age from Dr. A. A. Barnett, '51, to us of the present chapter. Our toast list was short, but the toasts were to the point and were excellent. The hall fairly roared with the enthusiasm which gave itself vent in the fraternity yells.

Hon. J. E. Mosey, '67, was toastmaster. The toasts and the speakers were as follows:

"Early Days of the Fraternity"—A. A. Barnett, M. D., '67.

"The Ohio Phi"—Alston Ellis, Ph. D., '67, president of Ohio University.

"The Fraternal Horizon"—Rev. M. A. Steen, '66.

"The Gentle Art of Making the Ornamental Beautiful"—Prof. G. W. Hoke, Indiana Gamma, '95.

"The Chapter"—Solon J. Carter, '09.

Brother Barnett had been in attendance at Miami when Φ Δ Θ was founded and enjoyed membership in the chapter with the founders. Brother T. C. Hibbett, '54, said: "I was not in school when the baby was born, but, after it was, I stayed here, sang, rocked the cradle and fed it milk." These grand old men aroused a new enthusiasm. Such a representative gathering of Ohio Alpha's alumni had never before been held. It was two o'clock when we stretched our tired bodies in repose.

On Thursday morning commencement exercises were held in the auditorium. The speakers were Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of *The Outlook*, and Prof. Brander Mathews of Columbia University. President Benton conferred the degree of bachelor of arts upon fifty-five seniors, the largest class in the history of Miami. In the afternoon the president's reception at Lewis Place marked the closing of the centennial.

Our alumni have gone, but they have walked once more beneath those great murmuring oaks that guard our verdent cam-

THE AUDITORIUM AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING—MIAMI UNIVERSITY.



MIA MI UNIVERSITY CENTENNIAL.—ARRIVAL OF GOVERNOR HARMON AND STAFF AT LEWIS PLACE, THE
PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE.





THE MIAMI UNIVERSITY CENTENNIAL.—THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION.

pus, they have listened to the chattering of her squirrels, they have lounged once more on the benches under her old ivy grown towers, they have sauntered arm-in-arm beneath the classic shades of the village streets, they have rehearsed with one another the life of the past, they have lived for a week in the spirit of their youth and in our youth. Yes, they have been back once more to dear Old Miami.

Let $\Delta K E$ sing of her Yale; let $A \Delta \Phi$ refer with pride to her Hamilton; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has her Miami, a college which for true spirit and real strength is second to none.

CAMPBELL SWING JOHNSTON, *Miami, '10.*

PRESIDENT BENTON'S NEW BOOK.

Mother of fraternities, exemplar of the highest college ideals, useful surpassingly in the training of men and women, Miami University has recently celebrated her centennial. Crowned with a long record of success, she has the fortune to be buoyant, confident, well equipped and still growing. The last seven years of her century of existence have been under the skillful and inspiring guidance of Dr. Guy Potter Benton, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '88, beloved, revered and widely known among Phi Delta Thetas. One of the most substantial privileges enjoyed by those who have attended our conventions in recent years has been their personal acquaintance with this scholarly and eloquent president of Old Miami. He has added dignity and strength to our gatherings and charm to our festal boards. He has materially helped with his wise counsel and sincere devotion to our Fraternity to keep clearly before its members the most useful and enduring aims and ideals which it represents. Called to the presidency of a historic institution situated in a lovely town in a rich and beautiful country, with great possibilities of attaining large state support and general patronage, Dr. Benton has spent these seven years in the successful development of what must ever be a prolific contributor in scholarship and manhood to the welfare of our country. Nothing, therefore, could have been more appropriate than that as a monument to mark these hundred years, out of his rich experience and fine ability and enthusiasm, he should publish his charming volume, "The Real College." This is a handsome little book of one hundred and eighty-four pages, issued on June 1, 1909: Cincinnati, Jennings and Graham; New York: Eaton and Mains. It has already been most favorably reviewed in many

periodicals and complimented by many leading college men. It has been hailed as a book with a definite mission, and if it continues to receive the attention and consideration which it deserves, it will perform a valuable work in strengthening the appreciation of the mission of the college and making more accurate the conception of the work which it should endeavor to do.

The book contains five chapters devoted to the different elements of the real college. They are: "The Real College Defined;" "The President of the Real College;" "The Students of the Real College;" "The Faculty of the Real College;" and "The Real College Man." The last named chapter is the brilliant and eloquent address which the author has several times delivered at college and fraternity banquets. He says that it is a vagrant in the book, but is reproduced because "it is a concrete resumé of the purpose of the real college as hereinbefore set forth."

This book is not a treatment of the so-called mission of the small college. The author well says that there is no place or mission for the "small" college, for the adjective *small* used to qualify anything is suggestive of insignificance and begets contempt. The volume was written to correct the misconception that a college necessarily limited in its student body but large in resources and great in ideals is a small college. The essence of the book is well stated in two sentences: "The real college is never a small college. The small college is never a real college." According to a logical arrangement the first business is a definition of the real college. A real university of these days is an institution that, in addition to giving degrees of doctor of philosophy or of science and requiring that a candidate shall have completed for his bachelor's degree a course of not less than one hundred and twenty semester hours in subjects distributed with reasonable sequences, is relieved by the high schools and colleges of at least the first two years of the college course. The prime object of its existence is "to serve society by solving the larger problems, the answers to which are essential to the welfare of humankind." It must, therefore, meet the demand for skilled labor and trained experts in all lines of worthy activity.

The author then makes clear the mission of the college—"an institution that will carry youthhood forward from the work completed in the high school to the point of maturity and knowledge which will find him prepared for the specialization

of the graduate college in the university." The college fills this gap, and "it will continue to be an indispensable feature of our educational work so long as the humanities are of interest to men and so long as a good foundation is a recognized necessity for a superstructure of specialization. . . . It prepares for life. It presents the humanities. It introduces the student to philosophy and literature and grounds him in linguistics and the pure sciences. . . . The college is a



GUY POTTER BENTON, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '88.

foundation builder. It seeks to establish the youth in body, intellect, and moral character so strongly that he will be prepared in due season, with large vision and lofty ideals, for the successful undertaking of special training. The real college is a school of discipline and culture."

In order to attain this thoroughly sane and high standard a college must have all the equipment that it demands—a strong, scholarly, businesslike executive, a man of great purposes, inspiring leadership, a man of affairs, who can perform well a multitude of varied duties; a student body not so large and unwieldy that the individual is lost in the mass, with "close con-

tact of the master teacher with the incipient thought-life of the student," and an exclusiveness in numbers and in standards of scholarship and life; and a faculty of "virile men, tactful, apt to teach, able to inspire the confidence of youthhood by their learning, their enthusiasm and their lofty moral conceptions, and competent to command respect for their scholarship in the world of letters."

Many important phases of college life and work are temperately and ably discussed in these chapters. The proper relations between president and faculty and between these and the student body are well set forth. The author believes in the democracy of the real college. He thinks that the fullest measure of self-government and independent thinking, within due bounds, is here to be attained. He believes that co-education is to the advantage of both young men and young women. He believes in college athletics and college enthusiasm. He recognizes that fraternities are here to stay, that they are capable of great usefulness, though they may, and often do, work great harm. He says impressively that under proper direction the fraternities, clubs or societies may fix the standards of college life and be a democratizing force in academic activities. His discussion of the fraternity is sympathetic and exceedingly just and fair. In it he sets forth a very high standard of conduct and usefulness for fraternities and admits that this standard is well maintained in many instances. It is a source of great pleasure for a Phi Delta Theta who reads those interesting pages to realize that his Fraternity is striving with profound earnestness and much success to be just such a factor in the development of manhood as Doctor Benton depicts for the right sort of a college fraternity. The style of the book never lags, but is clear and virile, coming from a scholarly and robust mind and a heart of devotion and enthusiasm. It is to be hoped that it will be especially considered by many educators whose conceptions of the mission of the college may be inaccurate or inadequate. Phi Delta Thetas everywhere will rejoice that one of their most distinguished and beloved brothers has sent out such a strong and opportune message to the college world.

JOHN H. DEWITT, *Vanderbilt*, '94.

**RICHARD A. JACKSON, PRESIDENT OF THE ROCK
ISLAND.**

Richard Arbuthnot Jackson, *Franklin*, '77, and *Virginia*, '79, is a native of the Phi state of Indiana. He made his début

in 1858 at Richmond, Ind., where his boyhood was spent, and which was his home until 1902, when he was called to the wider field, which the office of general solicitor and first vice-president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co. afforded. From the time of his graduation at Virginia in 1879 with the degree of LL.B. until 1902 when he removed to Chicago he practiced law at Richmond, during which time he was for several years prosecuting attorney of Wayne County.

In 1902 came the tender of the position of general attorney of the Rock Island Railway. Two years later, Brother Jackson became the first vice-president of the same company.

In April of this year he was elected to the presidency of the Rock Island Company and is the general counsel of the three roads composing it—the Rock Island, the Frisco and the Chicago and Eastern Illinois.

Brother Jackson is a member of Indiana Delta at Franklin College although his collegiate work until the close of his junior year was done at Earlham College. In May, 1875, an organized effort was made to plant a chapter at Earlham and Brother Jackson was elected by Indiana Delta, the writer being authorized to visit Earlham and initiate him. It was a brilliant forenoon late in May when the delegate, dusty from the sharp tramp on the highway leading out to the college, and going to the main hall, with that peculiar ill-fortune which usually attends people who are trying to act secretly, inquired for Mr. Jackson of the particular Earlhamite who was head and front of all anti-fraternity sentiment and agitation, and withal the one who considered himself divinely appointed to spy upon and police Junior Jackson's sometimes very active college life.

Notwithstanding this untoward meeting, Mr. Jackson soon appeared, and retreated with the delegate to the extreme rear of Earlham's heavily wooded campus, and, mounted on a big oak stump, was there duly initiated into the mysteries of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, after the manner of the early fathers.

In the fall of 1876 Brother Jackson decided to change and entered Virginia University where he took his degree in law in 1879. His change was a fortunate thing for $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ and for Virginia Beta in particular. After much search he found Brother L. L. Bristow who had just come to Virginia from the late Kentucky Gamma, and one other Phi from Kentucky and Virginia Beta was saved.

Brother Jackson was in his college days a most earnest worker in $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, an earnestness which his great executive abil-



RICHARD A. JACKSON, *Franklin*, '77; *Virginia*, '79.

ity made most valuable to the Fraternity at a time when such qualities were most vitally necessary to its life and growth. He is naturally a fighter and the upbuilding of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ was in the seventies a fight. His love for $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has never waned despite the unusual activity of his post-collegiate days.

Brother Jackson modestly disclaims the imputation of having any record of remarkable achievement, and says that he is prouder of his only son, Fielding B. Jackson, Yale, '07, than of anything else in his life. It was this son who as pitcher of the Yale nine won the championship for his university, which was the first to its credit in nine years. The young man who is but 24 years old, holds a seat on the New York Stock Exchange.

GEO. BANTA, *Franklin and Indiana*, '76.

EPSILON PROVINCE CONVENTION.

The custom has been established in Epsilon Province, within the past few years, of holding our annual conventions with the chapters. The rule followed for many years was to hold these gatherings at Indianapolis because of its central location. The date was fixed on the date of the meeting of the State Oratorical Association when most of the colleges where we maintain chapters in this province had their respective representatives in the contest, and always sent a large and interested delegation of students. The Phis always came in goodly numbers and it proved an excellent opportunity for everybody to get together. Consequently we had our first session in the afternoon of the day of the contest followed by a banquet before the oratorical and a smoker afterwards. This was a very happy arrangement in many ways and the brothers were able to know each other casually at least.

But there came a time when the feeling arose that perhaps if we followed more the plan of our national conventions we might derive more benefit from these annual meetings. So we adopted the above arrangement. This enables the members of different chapters to meet the receiving hosts in their own home and to observe their mode of life, get more intimately acquainted personally and to gather new ideas of administration for their own chapters.

This year the seven chapters of Indiana comprising this province fulfilled their acceptance of the kind invitation extended to the last convention at Franklin. Indiana Alpha at Indiana University, Bloomington, as hosts, set May 21 and 22 as

the days for convocation. On Thursday evening some of the delegates came trundling into Bloomington with their "glad rags" for the word had gone out that we would not only be permitted to mingle with our *fratres in collegio* but would also be privileged to view at close range some of the charming co-eds. On Friday morning the crowd began to gather in a manner to presage a successful week end party and by noon most of the delegates and visitors from the various chapters and alumni guests had arrived.

The headquarters for the meetings of a business nature were at Indiana Alpha's chapter house, located at the outskirts of Bloomington, adjacent to the college campus. It gives a stranger somewhat the feeling of going out to the country club when he goes to visit the boys there. The grounds are extensive and well kept. At the time of our meeting, vegetation looked its best and with the hedges and lawn well trimmed in honor of the occasion, we were quite happy at the prospects of sojourning in such beautiful environs. The house itself is commodious and with its wide veranda and commanding position gave the brothers a pleasant place to hang around. The usual comforts of a well ordered chapter house were in evidence and we found the conveniences necessary to such an occasion at hand.

Our first meeting was held on Friday afternoon, with the province president in the chair. It was agreed that the rules and order of business used at our national sessions should govern our deliberations, in so far as they could be made to apply. A secretary for the convention was appointed by the chair. The matter of appointing committees was the chief business of the afternoon. The chapters were each authorized to send two delegates to represent their bodies. An early canvas of the attendance disclosed the fact that each chapter, except Indiana Epsilon, had its two delegates present and several of the chapters sent numerous brothers as visitors. Hanover was without representation. The committees having been duly selected, the session adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock on Saturday morning. The committees then gave themselves over to the preparation of their reports.

The evening had been set aside for the banquet which was held at the Hotel Bowles at eight o'clock. The occasion was a success in every particular. The dinner was of the kind that appeases and the memory that the writer has of that part of the evening's performance is very pleasant. The talks made

by the brothers were edifying and entertaining, sparkling with wit and pregnant with fraternity spirit. Each chapter represented in the convention had a sponsor on the program. Following the formal part of the banquet, the brothers gathered around the piano and sang songs to their hearts' content until early in the morning. Everyone seemed to get a vast amount of joy out of the evening's entertainment, and proved to the management of Indiana Alpha that their earnest efforts to make the occasion worth while had met with the desired reward. The province president presided over the feast. The attendance was in the neighborhood of fifty.

On Saturday morning, at the hour previously set, the second business session came to order, with the president in the chair and a full attendance. Much interest was evinced and after the formal parts of opening the session were dispensed with, reports were taken up. The detailed work of setting forth to the convention the conditions of the various chapters was carefully taken up by the different committees and as the reports were read, discussions of an interesting and entertaining kind were held. Many ideas of fraternity policy were exchanged and criticisms of the initiation work of a chapter or its manner of furnishing the chapter rooms, etc., were given and taken in a kindly manner. In fact the whole purpose of the convention was to inspire and help others by counsel and advice and it is my belief that the result was admirably accomplished. It had been the plan to hold an exemplary initiation on Saturday morning and teams had been specified for the undertaking but owing to the many matters of business which came up during the morning and the lack of a real candidate for the occasion, it was voted to pass the ceremony. The convention concluded a very successful business session at one o'clock.

Dinner was served immediately after this adjournment at the chapter house where the convention had held its sessions and as many of the visitors as could be accommodated were invited to remain.

The afternoon was given over to such general recreation as the brothers severally or collectively desired. It is the writer's impression that many of the Phis spent their allowances on the fair co-eds for whom the university is noted, and it is safe to say that no one regretted having helped out the liverymen.

Saturday evening Indiana Alpha tendered the visiting Phis and their "co-Phis" a very delightful dance. The function was given in one of the down town club rooms. Like all such

occasions engineered by Phis at their conventions, this one proved highly entertaining. Each man was made to feel that his girl was the choicest lady in the university and it is easy to conceive how, under such circumstances, the bevy of femininity should have proven so enjoyable to the strangers. The party put the finishing tone on two days most happily spent with our friends and brothers at Indiana Alpha and again emphasized very strongly the advantages to be gained by our annual province convention.

It only remains to re-iterate once more the thanks of the province for the kindly and generous hospitality of our hosts. Their every attention was greatly appreciated and it gives great pleasure in this public manner again to acknowledge the facts.

F. N. THURSTON, President Epsilon Province.

CONVENTION OF 1910 TO BE HELD AT NIAGARA FALLS.

The general council, for good and sufficient reasons, has seen fit to change the place of holding the next national convention from Put-in-Bay to Niagara Falls. A meeting was held by the general council at Put-in-Bay in July of this year, the meeting being held at the same time of the Delta Province convention, and the condition of affairs at the Victory Hotel was not such that it would be supposed that a large attendance could be secured for the convention. Brother Ballou, treasurer of the general council, and the writer were requested by the general council to return from Put-in-Bay by way of Niagara Falls to see if conditions were favorable for holding the convention there. Upon a full investigation, these two members of the general council recommended that the place of holding the convention be changed to Niagara Falls, and a motion has been carried to this effect. The convention will be held at Niagara Falls August 1 to 6, 1910, and the International Hotel will be headquarters for the same.

This hotel is conducted upon the American plan and is strictly a high class hotel on the American side of the Falls, and contains over three hundred rooms, each of which is equipped with hot and cold water, and local and long distance telephone. The special rates given us by the International Hotel are as follows:

Rooms without bath \$3.50 per day, single, or \$3.00 per day each person with two or more persons occupying one room;

rooms with private bath \$4.50 per day, single, or \$4.00 per day for each person, two or more persons occupying one room.

The railroad authorities have also promised to give us reduced rates, and the necessary expenses of the members in attendance will be the lowest of any convention held in recent years.

It is not necessary in this article to go into any discussion of the attractions at Niagara Falls, but it is sufficient to say that the International Hotel is situated only a few hundred yards from Niagara Falls, which is one of the wonders of the world.

The Bureau of Conventions of Niagara Falls has also promised us many free entertainments, but the details of these matters will be later decided on, and the members will be advised of everything concerning the convention in plenty of time to make arrangements for attending the same. It is expected that six or seven hundred members will be in attendance upon the convention, for this will be a rare opportunity to spend a pleasant week at Niagara Falls. To those who have never seen the falls, this attraction alone will be well worth the trip, to say nothing of the pleasures which will surround the convention.

FRED J. COXE, Secretary General Council.

THE YEAR BOOK FOR 1909.

Phi Delta Theta Year Book: Being the Annual Circular Letters of the Seventy-two Active Chapters of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Compiled and Edited by George Banta. Volume XXIII. 1909. Menasha, Wis.: Press of George Banta Publishing Company. Cloth, pp. 386 + 488, 6 x 9 inches; 23 illustrations. \$1.85 prepaid. Order from J. B. Ballou, T. G. G., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The year book for 1909 was issued at the opening of this collegiate year. This is volume XXIII of the annual circular letters, and the fifth year in which they have been bound and issued under the present system. The editor was George Banta, past president of the general council and present president of Zeta province. He has performed an important service for the Fraternity in getting out this handsome book.

The first part of the volume, comprising 386 pages, contains the annual chapter letters, preceded by a table of contents and three pages relating to the fraternity as a whole. There are twenty-three illustrations—college views, chapter houses, chapter groups, etc. The second part, comprising 488 pages, contains a catalogue of all the members of all active and inactive chapters. Under each chapter the members are divided by

classes, and enrolled alphabetically under each class. In fact, the second portion of the book is a complete catalogue of the Fraternity's membership, minus a residence directory and an alphabetical index.

In examining the volume one is struck with the uneven merit of the circular letters. Some are very good, while others are exceedingly poor, because they contain very few details of interest. A good chapter letter should contain a complete historical record of the chapter during the previous year, omitting no important event. It should moreover include a full list of college honors bestowed on Phis, and by all means a long list of personals about alumni. Many of the 1909 chapter letters have no alumni personals, many have no list of college honors, and the yearly records of the chapters in some letters are bare and uninteresting. We regret to see many chapter letters given over so largely to athletics, and we consider that baseball and football scores are entirely out of place. All must realize, on consideration, that it is a waste of valuable space to print athletic news in circular letters which will be stale long before they are read by any one.

We shall not mention the chapters that furnished unusually poor letters, but we wish to call attention to the letters of the chapters at Cornell, Lafayette, Pennsylvania, Northwestern, Illinois and Nebraska, which we think are the best in the volume. We trust that during the coming year the province presidents will direct the attention of chapters to the best examples, and urge them to omit news about athletics, dramatics and faculty changes, except when a Phi is involved and has gotten some glory out of it. Chapters should be made to understand that what are needed chiefly are plenty of chapter news and plenty of alumni news, college news being relatively unimportant.

The year book grows bigger every year. It had 702 pages in 1905, 806 in 1906, 838 in 1907, 844 in 1908, and this year's volume has 874. At this rate there will soon be 1,000 pages, and the fraternity will have to consider whether it can afford to print such an expensive book every year. No other fraternity publishes such an annual. It is very convenient to have a new catalogue corrected up to date every year, but we wonder how much pains is really taken every year to revise the addresses of members in some chapter lists. Without careful revision of the rolls it is hardly worth while to republish them so often. The catalogue section of the book is cast in type lines and preserved

from year to year. In handling them so much it will be almost impossible for the printers to avoid getting some lines transposed, and the error may go on for years undetected, and enter into the next edition of the regular catalogue.

Possibly some modification of the system might be adopted, which would make it more satisfactory and less expensive. We hope that those who are interested in fraternity problems will give this subject serious attention and try to suggest a satisfactory solution. One way to save expenses would be for the editor to excise unimportant matter from the manuscripts for the chapter letters, and to excise the circulars again in editing them for the bound volume, so as to eliminate all matter which would not be of some value in a permanent record of the fraternity's growth. By this means a hundred pages or more might be saved.

WALTER B. PALMER.

JOHN EDWARD CHAPIN, WABASH, '56.

It has been a strange coincidence that I, Indiana Beta's youngest Phikeia, should have lived within a mile of one of its oldest living members far from its chapter halls, in Wisconsin. This man is Dr. J. E. Chapin, *Wabash*, '56, retired pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Neenah, Wis.

Dr. Chapin lived on a farm near Greencastle, Ind., and as a boy was determined to obtain for himself a good education such as would well prepare him for the ministry. So he walked twenty miles to Crawfordsville in order that he might enter the Presbyterian school, Wabash College. When he reached Crawfordsville he had in his possession two silver dollars which he gave to the college as the entrance fee and then settled down to six years of hard work. Dr. Chapin never received one dollar from his parents during the time he attended Wabash.

The Phi Delta Theta Society, as he calls it, was still in its infancy having but three living chapters. Faculty opposition was so strong at Wabash that the chapter was obliged to run strictly *sub rosa*. In fact Dr. Chapin never had a pin until about eight years ago when he stopped my father on the street and asked him to get him one. He was made secretary of the chapter and says that three different times his record book was stolen by a rival fraternity, probably B Θ Π, which preceded Φ Δ Θ at Wabash.

Dr. Chapin says that the reason for the founding of the Φ Δ Θ fraternity at Miami, was for the purpose of keeping a



JOHN E. CHAPIN, *Wabash*, '56, AND GEORGE BANTA, JR., *Wabash*, '13.

subsequently prominent member of the Fraternity, now deceased, from going with a bad set of fellows at college. His friends realized his danger and concluded that the only way that they could hold his interest was the formation of a secret society.

General Lew Wallace then lived in Crawfordsville and he used to invite the college men to his house, and Dr. Chapin spent many a pleasant evening with the later famous author and general. General Wallace afterward became an honorary member of $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$.

After graduation, he and two of his college mates went to a divinity school at Cincinnati in order to obtain their doctor's degrees. He taught and preached until the war broke out when he went to Louisville where he acted as chaplain with the hospital corps of the army, although he was not a regularly enlisted soldier.

He has been in the same church at Neenah for over forty years and there is not a more respected citizen in that city today. Dr. Chapin is eighty years old, and a more loyal Phi

GEORGE BANTA, JR.

PHI DELTA THETA WE PRAISE!

(To the tune—A Stein Song, "It's Always Fair Weather").
Dedicated to the wife of our president, Mrs. S. K. Ruick.

We will praise Phi Delta Theta
And we'll laud its mighty name,
We will make the hill-tops echo
With the shouting of its fame.

CHORUS:

So with joy bells a-ringing,
And with glad voices singing,
For dear Phi Delta Theta,
Here's a heart cheer, loud and long;
So with joy bells a-ringing,
And with glad voices singing,
For dear Phi Delta Theta
Here's a heart cheer, loud and strong!

Let the white and blue float high then
In the breezes on the hill
Let our hearts beat loud with joy then
As our souls the old songs thrill.

CHORUS:

So with joy bells a-ringing, etc.

WILLIAM L. STIDGER, *Allegheny*, '10.

EDITORIAL.

THE national convention of 1908 amended the code so as to provide that the first number of each volume of *THE SCROLL* shall be issued in September instead of October. In the first number of this volume there were 62 chapter letters out of a possible 72. We consider this a good showing as all of these letters were written during vacation, when it is not easy to reach all reporters by mail. The letters contained much interesting news about chapter activities at the close of the last collegiate year and mentioned many honors which had been conferred on members during the commencement season. Previous to the change in the date of publication, the happenings of this season were rarely recorded in *THE SCROLL*, as chapter letters for the June number were written several weeks before commencement, and those for the October number were crowded with a recital of events which occurred in the first few busy weeks of the new collegiate year.

THE larger part of the news of the early days of the college year is therefore to be found in the November *SCROLL*. We observe with satisfaction the continued prosperity of the institutions in which we have chapters. Many of our correspondents report new college buildings completed or in course of erection and almost all mention an increase in enrollment of students, sometimes even in the face of more stringent entrance requirements. It is gratifying to note that our chapters are sharing in this college prosperity and are recruiting their ranks from the "abundance of new material" reported from almost every quarter. It only remains for the individual members to give their best effort to college activities, of which scholarship is of the first importance, not overlooking the social and fraternal side of chapter life, to make this a banner year for Phi Delta Theta.

WE fear that many of our chapters are not giving attention to the accumulation of a chapter library. In addition to all the publications of our Fraternity such a library should con-

tain all the publications of the college, the catalogue, the annual, the college daily or weekly, etc. Books of more general character by standard authors may well be added as fancy or taste may suggest. Many chapters subscribe for magazines of general circulation. We call the attention of such chapters to the list of magazines to be found in the advertising section of THE SCROLL. Any chapter desiring to avail itself of the rates there quoted may obtain one or more subscriptions to THE SCROLL and *The Palladium* and combine with them such periodicals as may be desired.

FROM the annual report of the historian of the general council published in *The Palladium* of last May it appears that practically every undergraduate member of our seventy-two chapters is the owner of a Phi Delta Theta badge. This is as it should be and marks a distinct advance in the last few years. So rarely do we see a badge on an alumnus member we are led to wonder what becomes of all these insignia. The badge so often leads to pleasant acquaintanceship of members that we marvel that it is not more generally worn by alumni. An active man will wear his pin continuously during his college course in the college town where his fraternity affiliations are well known and then discard it on going into a strange community where it might be the means of making him valuable friends. Why?

ALTHOUGH THE SCROLL usually contains letters from upwards of ninety per cent of the chapters, it is seldom that we are able to present in one issue a letter from each and every chapter. With some pride therefore we present in this issue seventy-two letters from over seventy-two chapters. This speaks well for our new corps of chapter reporters and we extend to them our thanks. Let us repeat the performance in the January SCROLL.

IN the case of Inhabitants of Orono *vs.* Sigma Alpha Epsilon Society, the supreme court of Maine has decided that, under

existing statutes in that state the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter house on the campus of the University of Maine is subject to taxation, the defendant corporation, being "entitled neither to exemption as an educational or scientific institution, nor immunity as an agency or instrumentality of the state." One ground for the decision was that the University of Maine was held to be "a separate and distinct corporation," and the separation between the institution and the state "has always been observed and maintained." It was further held that the property of the university was not "the property of the state," and that "The legal status of this institution has been and is the same as that of the other colleges in Maine"—Colby, Bowdoin and Bates. We believe that this is the first decision which held subject to taxation chapter houses occupying sites on the campus of any state university, or on the campus of any collegiate institution for that matter. The decision, if followed in other states, as doubtless it will be, will impose a heavy burden on many chapters, and therefore it is the more important that fraternity men everywhere should unite their influence and efforts to secure the enactment of statutes in the various states which will specifically exempt fraternity chapters incorporated as literary and benevolent associations. Through the efforts of Samuel K. Ruick, now president of Phi Delta Theta, such a statute was enacted by the Indiana legislature in 1905, when he was a member of its house of representatives. Since then the Delaware legislature has enacted a similar measure. The Maine decision appears in the *S A E Record*, which publishes an editorial on it from the *Kennebec Daily Journal*. The editorial says in part:

The chapter houses are not built or maintained for anybody's financial profit. They are occupied for dormitory purposes and as eating houses, as clubs, and, in short, as college homes by organized bodies of students. In the matter of discipline they are directly under control of the college authorities. By their erection the colleges have been saved the erection of new dormitories, which, had they been built, would by law be exempt from taxation. It would be simple justice to the colleges and to the fraternity boys if the legislature would pass a bill exempting these houses from taxation in the future.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

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Please study to make letters terse. Facts which show the progress of the institution should be recorded, but chapter news, rather than ordinary college news, is desired. Kindly omit mention of changes among professors and of athletic events unless members of Phi Delta Theta are concerned.

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ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

The university opened September 8 with an enrollment which exceeds that of any former year. The increase in the number of students is about twenty per cent over last year. Several new professors have been added to the faculty to meet the requirements of the increased attendance.

Alabama Alpha returned seven of last year's chapter and affiliated Brother Robert T. Jones of Alabama Beta. The rushing season was a strenuous one and out of an average amount of material we secured eight fine men. We take pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity the following new brothers: Joe W. John, '12, Birmingham; Hugh M. Comer, '13, Birmingham; L. P. Guice, '13, Birmingham; Gilbert G. White, '13, Huntsville; Edwin L. Goodhue, '13, Gadsden; Bryant K. Vann, '13, Gadsen; John Miller, Law, '11, Camden; Alden Snow, '13, Tuscaloosa.

Football practice started as soon as the university opened. With eight of last year's squad back and plenty of new material Alabama feels confident of turning out a winning team under the able coaching of Dr. Pollard. Brothers Moody and Vandegraaff are on the squad.

Comer and Smith Halls, the engineering and geological buildings, have been completed. These two buildings fill a long felt need at the university along these lines.

At last our chapter house is under construction. This marks the end of a ten year struggle for a house we can call our own. We expect to occupy the house by December 1 and will be very glad to have any Phis passing through Tuscaloosa call on us. M. E. PRATT.

University, October 5, 1909.

ALABAMA BETA, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

College opened September 8 with a marked increase in attendance over last year. There was an abundance of fraternity material among the new men, and Alabama Beta succeeded in pledging eleven, nine of whom have been initiated. We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers Chas. L. Torbert, La Fayette; W. G. Carpenter, Newnan, Ga.; R. H. Spencer, Marshall, Texas; E. S. Shorter, Eufaula; S. E. Foscue, Demopolis; A. E. Gregory, Savannah, Ga.; R. K. Perry, Union Springs; J. T. Dew, Marion; H. T. Baker, Albertville.

The chapter house was completed this summer, and we are now comfortably installed in it.

Alabama Beta announces with deepest regret the death of our beloved

friend and brother, Arthur McBryde Ransom, late professor of chemistry in the institute, who died in Atlanta this summer, and was buried from his home in Newnan, Ga. A number of the active chapter attended the funeral.

It was due largely to Professor Ransom's efforts that our chapter house movement was carried through, and he was a personal friend of every member of the chapter. His illness was not considered serious, and his untimely decease came as a shock to every one.

Brother Case, Massachusetts Beta, '09, visited the chapter last week with Brothers Farley and Clower, of Alabama Beta.

Prospects are bright for a splendid football team this season. The schedule is unusually heavy, Vanderbilt, Sewanee, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Mercer, and Howard being among the colleges on Auburn's both of Yale. Alabama Beta is represented on the squad by Brother Powell, substitute quarter back.

A delightful informal dance was given at the chapter house October 1. Brothers Clower, Farley, Case and Greene, all from Opelika, were with us on that occasion.

W. W. ALEXANDER.

Auburn, October 10, 1909.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The first half of the fall term is gone. The initiation of freshmen is past and the chapter takes pleasure in introducing Brothers Mastick, Smith, Spalding and Wescott, all of the class of 1913.

On October 5, the day that President Taft arrived in Berkeley, the university suffered the loss of Irving Stringham, Ph. D., professor of mathematics. Though well advanced in years he was a man of rare judgment, whose counsel was much sought in university affairs.

There is much discussion on the campus concerning rowing. Since Stanford, by a recent decision of the executive committee of that university, determined to discontinue the sport the Californian oarsmen find themselves without a competitor. To row with Washington is out of question. That was settled by the outcome of the controversy of last summer, so at all events there will be no more 'varsity rowing until Stanford is able to place a crew upon the water.

Football is the great topic of the day. On October 6 the California 'varsity returned from a trip to Los Angeles with a clean record in the way of scores. Four of the brothers, who stand in a fair way of earning their 'varsity letter in the big game, reported the trip a success. They also appreciate the kindness of the brother Phis who are located in Los Angeles.

Brother Pauly, '11, has been elected president of the junior class and Brother Montgomery, '11, has been appointed manager of the crew.

Berkeley, October 10, 1909.

IRVING G. MARKWART.

CALIFORNIA BETA, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

The fall semester opened September 1 with an enrollment of 1,550 students. The increasing freshman class numbers 500 and the prospects for a very prosperous year are good. The university museum was opened to visitors during the summer months for the first time since the earthquake. A new department has been added to the university, that of medicine. This college was formally opened September 8.

California Beta returned fifteen of last year's chapter and by reason



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of hard rushing have been able to initiate five new freshmen. We take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers George Bem-haus, Tacoma, Wash.; Leroy Childs, Redlands; M. J. Price, San Francisco; T. R. Spalding, Los Angeles, and Harold Thobum, Palo Alto.

The main interest of the campus is at present centered on rugby. Practically all of last year's 'varsity team is out in practice and with the addition of several others of former teams, Stanford's prospects are very bright. California Beta is represented on the 'varsity squad by Brothers Canahu Taylor, King, A. Sanborn and T. Sanborn while on the freshman squad we are represented by Brother Thoburn. Brother Price is on the track squad. By action of the executive committee of the student body boating has been dropped from the list of intercollegiate sports.

Brothers Hails is editor of the university daily and Brother Fisk is editor of the university comic paper, *The Chaparral*. Brother Hails has also been elected to membership in the English club and also is a member of the executive committee of the student body. We are represented on the glee club by Brother N. Tayler; on the mandolin club by Brother Childs and on the 'varsity band by Brother Thoburn. Brother Nunan is a member of the sophomore cotillion committee and has also been elected a member of Historia literary society. In the first handicap tennis tournament Brother Morgan won the college championship. On the university conference which is composed of different men elected from their respective departments for the purpose of student body government are Brothers Hails, Fisk, and Roberts. Brother Barnett has been appointed instructor in the department of chemistry.

Of last year's chapter who are not here this year, Brother Bradford is with the Alonzo Murphy Co. in Spokane, Wash.; Brother Beyer is with the Pacific Coast Borax Co. in Alameda, Cal. Brother Pieper is with the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Co at San Francisco; Brother R. R. Hails is in Santa Barbara; Brother Cline is in Los Angeles, and Brother Happy is in Spokane, Wash.

Stanford University, October 2, 1909.

BEN. F. WADE.

COLORADO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Colorado Alpha returned seventeen men out of a chapter of twenty-five last year. Of the eight lost, four graduated, two entered other schools, the remaining two having retired. With the initiation of five men, the chapter is fairly on its way for a successful year. On October 9, the chapter initiated Frank Bottum, Aberdeen, S. D.; Freeman Mid-dough and Raymond Moses, Denver; Willard W. Wallace, Fairplay and Harold E. Dwyer, Cheyenne, Wyo. We held our annual banquet following the initiation, which was largely attended by the alumni. The chapter gave a smoker and an informal dance in the chapter house during rushing week.

Earle Carmichael and Samuel Bowler are on the football squad. Our team will not be up to standard this year on account of the inter-collegiate conference of Colorado passing a rule barring all first-year men.

Raymond Moses has been elected secretary and treasurer of the freshmen engineers. J. Graham Lamb and Othe Youtsey have been elected to the Vulcans, an honorary junior engineering society. C. Ernest Hill has been pledged Ω T Φ (medical). Herbert Bonnell has been elected one of the commissioners on the governing board of the

associated student body. This body has adopted a new constitution which governs all athletics, publication and student functions. All regularly registered students who have paid a fee of four dollars, may become members and receive membership cards which entitle them to free admission to all athletics, students functions and free subscriptions to all college publications. The students have started a new literary magazine called the *Colorado Monthly*.

The Guggenheim law building is completed and ground has been broken for the \$250,000 Macky auditorium and administration building.

Boulder, October 20, 1909.

C. ERNEST HILL.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Georgia Alpha has had a very successful spiking season. We have initiated ten men as follows: John Cox, Gainesville; George Sancken, Augusta; Henry Howard, Lexington; Hill Freeman, Macon; Hugh M. Bagley, Geo. T. Northen and Frank Carter, of Atlanta; William Duncan of Douglasville; Carl Fleetwood, of Macon, and Henry Smith, of Gainesville. We take pleasure in introducing these brothers to the Fraternity.

Only ten of last year's chapter returned. The chapter will be represented on the football squad this year by Brothers Coxe and Sancken who will ably uphold the record of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in this department of college life.

The prospects for a championship team this year are good. Up to the present time the Georgia team has not been scored on. We have played four games thus far. Brother Carter is manager of the team. At a recent mass meeting of students, Brother Robt. Troutman was elected cheer-leader and is holding down the job admirably.

Brother Kimbrough who had charge of the Georgia battalion last year leaves this year and Lieutenant Atkins will fill the vacancy. We regret to see Major Kimbrough leave as he is greatly admired and respected by the student body.

W.M. J. NORTHERN, JR.

Athens, October 23, 1909.

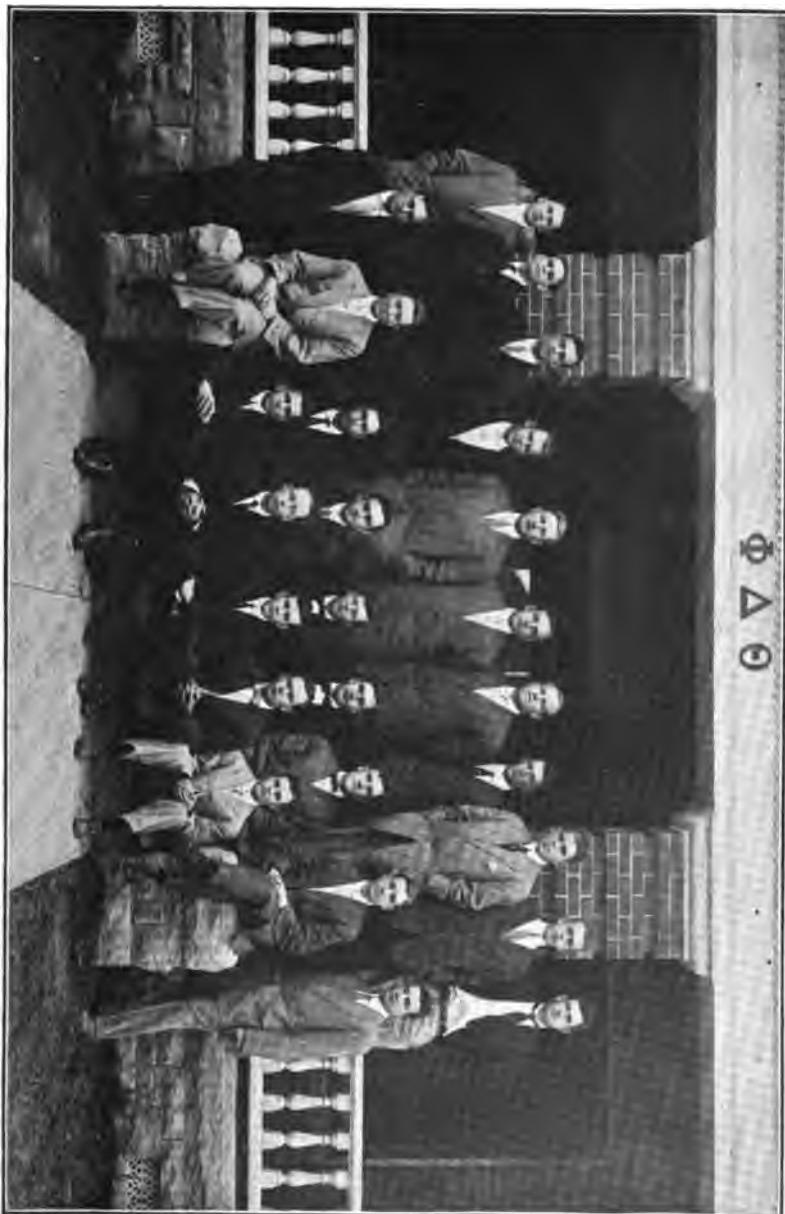
GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

With the opening of college on September 16 Georgia Beta as usual stood among the foremost in the spiking campaign and as a result is able to introduce to the Fraternity the following: Ed. H. Green, '10, Shellman; E. E. Newbrough, Jr., '12, Bainville; David Van Buren Spencer, '12, Jackson; Lawrence Gray, '12, Fort Valley; W. Palmer Blackman, '13, New York, N. Y.; H. C. Cox, '13, Monroe; J. M. Christian, '13, Oxford; S. B. Walton, '13, Danberg; R. P. Wight, '13, Cairo; H. J. Tanner, '13, Atlanta; Ed. Terrell, Special, Atlanta. Also we have affiliated Brothers F. W. Knight of Georgia Delta, and S. Richardson of Georgia Alpha. With the return of 14 men we have now the large chapter of 27 earnest and fraternal brothers. With such an excellent chapter and past record Georgia Beta expects much from her men this year.

The football season will begin in about two weeks. Georgia Beta is well represented on each of the class teams.

The number of students this year is much larger than for many years. The institution is rapidly taking on new growth and the half-million endowment fund is nearly completed. The new \$35,000 chapel

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Hodson, Gill, Castelucci, W. Bradbury, E. Carmichael, Snyder, Bowler, Bonnell, Morris, Lamb, Morrow,
Hamsher, McConley, Hubbard, Scott, P. Bradbury, P. Carmichael, Debrisay, Kimbrough, Brandenburg, Hill,
Pigg, Pierce.

is beginning to look like a great piece of modern architecture.

We enjoyed the company and companionship of a number of our alumni during the first week of school. P. H. CHRISTIAN.

Oxford, October 9, 1909.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

Georgia Gamma returned twelve men this fall. They came in early and as the result of a successful rushing season take pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity Brothers Coats, Mallary, Hand, Gignilliat, Hogg and Norman. We are glad to receive into our chapter Brother Davis as an affiliate from Georgia Delta.

This summer we repaired our rooms, so with the prettiest hall in college, and the results of a successful rushing season we have fine prospects for 1909-10.

Georgia Gamma will contribute her part to all the college activities—football, glee club and college magazine. N. F. WILLIAMSON.

Macon, October 10, 1909.

GEORGIA DELTA, GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

Georgia Delta has just completed another successful rushing season, losing only one man out of the ten asked. As we returned eleven we now have a chapter of twenty. We present to the Fraternity T. S. Wilson, Henry Kuler, Wallace Stovall, Donald Hurlbut, N. L. Thompson, J. S. Shingler, E. L. Chapman, L. A. Harris, and Jos. Reynolds.

The attendance at Tech is the largest in its history. Over a hundred were turned away because Tech could not give them the right accommodation. The state has increased the appropriation so that by next year there will be room for all.

In the first game of football with Garclay Institute, a preparatory school, Tech won. Only four of last year's 'varsity returned this fall but the scrubs of last year are showing fine style. Georgia Delta is represented on the team by Brothers Wilson, quarterback, and Ely, guard.

Georgia Delta expects to move in to her own house by Christmas. Our plan cannot fail and building has practically started. The most desirable lot near Tech has been secured so that the other fraternities cannot outdo us in that respect when they build.

Atlanta, October 8, 1909.

G. S. JONES.

IDAHO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO.

Idaho Alpha enters upon the collegiate year, 1909-10, with a splendid record. All of the active members, who did not graduate last spring, have returned, also one who was not with us last semester. We now have sixteen active members and eight pledges.

At this time the prospects for a winning football team are very good. Coach Grogan of Knox, is working hard to turn out a good team. By the time this letter is published, games will have been played with the Universities of Oregon and Washington and Whitman College. Brothers Armstrong, Montgomery Williams, Hays, Stein and Phikeia Watts are trying out for positions on the team.

The game with Washington is to be played in Spokane, October 30. This is also the date and place set for the province convention. Practically all of the local chapter will be in Spokane at that time. Many



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of the Washington chapter expect to be present. The Spokane Alumni Club is taking an active interest in the convention.

Since our last letter two more Phis have been placed on the faculty. Brother Gustus Larson, Idaho, '07, has been made instructor in the mechanical engineering department. Brother Chas. Colver, Idaho, '09, is assistant chemist in the experiment station.

We have recently been favored with visits from Brothers W. S. Ferris, Williams, '85, of Salt Lake City, Kenneth Durham, Washington, '10, of Seattle, and Gifford Fawcett, of Palouse, Wash.

We have initiated another one of the alumni of our local chapter, and we present to the Fraternity Brother Howard K. Lewis, '08. Brother Lewis is at present a member of the senior class in the United States Naval Academy.

Brother Leonard has been elected president of the senior class. Brother Fenn is the athletic editor of the *Argonaut*. Phikeias Watts, Parker, and Denning have been elected to the offices of president, vice-president and class representative on the Athletic Board respectively of freshman class. Brother Wadsworth has been appointed major, and Brothers Farris and Kettenbach, first lieutenants in the battalion of cadets.

JAMES B. HAYS.

Moscow, October 7, 1909.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Northwestern University opened September 27 with an enrollment larger than that of any former year. The freshman class in the college of liberal arts numbers 390, and the dean predicts an increase to the number of 425 before the school year closes. The number of students registered in the new engineering school is very encouraging and the prospects are very good for Northwestern to develop one of the best schools of engineering in the west.

The Patten Gymnasium is not completed throughout, but classes for physical training have been organized and work is expected to begin next week.

Illinois Alpha returned twelve old men, pledged three, and has one affiliate making the chapter the same size as that of last year.

The transferring of Brother Taylor to New Hampshire Alpha is a great loss to Illinois Alpha and all the brothers hope that New Hampshire Alpha will appreciate their gain as greatly as we feel our loss.

Our 'varsity football squad is under the training of Coach Horr of Syracuse, and we have great hope of the results of this season. Brother Vehe is on the squad trying out for center. Already we have played two out of our five games for the year. We defeated Purdue yesterday 14 to 5.

For the last three nights an Early Illinois historical pageant has been presented on the university campus for the benefit of the University Settlement which is located in Chicago. The performance was given before three large audiences, every one considering the show one of the best of its kind that has ever been presented. On a saddled mound under the canopy of oaks Illinois history was represented from the time of the landing of the first white man through the time of the inauguration of Lincoln. Stationed at different distances over the campus were prairie schooners, each of which represented one of the thirteen original states. From the wagons were sold various sorts of souvenirs and refreshments which had been donated to the cause.



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Many changes were made in the faculty this year, two of which were the transferring of Brother Oldfather, professor of Latin, to Illinois University and Brother Hull, instructor in history, from Chicago University.
Evanston, October 10, 1909.

GEO. S. YAPLE.

ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

The year opens with the brightest hopes for our chapter. Eleven old men returned. The rushing season is still on, but so far owing to the material presented we have deemed it advisable to pledge only one. We are very glad to welcome Brothers J. W. Wallingford, Kentucky Alpha-Delta; W. L. Chenery, Virginia Gamma; J. J. Ellis and J. W. Hilding, Illinois Delta and M. Eden Thurston, Indiana Delta.

Our prospects in athletics are exceptionally good. We have successively defeated Purdue, Indiana, and Illinois. Consequently, we believe that Chicago stands a fine show for another championship team. Forty-three freshmen have reported for practice, a fact which is very encouraging when we recall the small turn out of the past years. Brother Steffen is assisting Coach Stagg.

Many improvements have been made upon the campus this summer. The work on the library was again postponed and the corner-stone will not be laid before spring. It is a source of great satisfaction to us all and especially to the faculty, that the university is at last upon a self-supporting basis.

The new rules regarding scholarship as the important prerequisite for continued residence in school has been the means of separating us from many of our friends. All the fraternities have seen the number of their freshmen reduced and it is to be hoped that the incoming class may profit by the experience of their predecessors.

Chicago, October 15, 1909.

LYMAN K. GOULD.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

Knox opened September 14 enrolling the largest freshman class in its history and the class was rich with good material for the fraternities. Illinois Delta took her share of the material pledging ten men who will fill as well as possible the vacancies left by five of the brothers, who graduated last spring, and five others who did not return this year.

Brothers Hilding, '07, and Ellis, '08, spent several days with us this fall before entering Chicago University as law students. We have also received visits from Brothers Mattinson and Cardon, active men from Illinois Beta, and Mosses, Illinois Beta, '08.

Plans are being made for a new science hall at Knox to cost \$50,000, and ground will probably be broken this year for the new structure. It heralds a greater prosperity for the college as her laboratories at present are the weak spots in her equipment.

The football prospects this fall are not very bright but Knox will have a team on the field which will fight even though it is rather light for the inter-collegiate game. Brother Purington will probably pilot the team.

Brother K. Aldrich has been elected to the management of the '10 *Gale*, the college annual published by the junior class.

Galesburg, October 6, 1909.

J. KARL ALDRICH.



J. Nibley	McLean	Sewart	Gould	McKibben	Rohus	Milner	Smith	Heath
Tiedebohl	Perrin	Rudford	Krog	Sieffen	P. Nibley	Madden	Phelos	Cardon
Sophlet		Ardrus	Prather	Timmermeister	Harris	McLaughlin	Moses	
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ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD COLLEGE.

Illinois Zeta has just opened what we have every reason to believe will be the most successful year in her history. Although we have but eight old men back we have been very fortunate in pledging nine men. Brother Thurman who is now studying at the University of Chicago will also be with us in the spring term to graduate.

We are enjoying the advantages of our new house. It fully comes up to our hopes and expectations in every respect. It is situated on the campus and for convenience we believe we have anything like it beaten. Since we have been living in it we have been busy almost constantly showing our friends over the house. On September 23 we held open house to the school and over ninety names were added to our register.

Although but four "L" men returned this fall, the outlook for a fast football team is very promising. Brother McLeish and Phikeia Radcliffe represent $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ for a certainty and Brothers Chapman, Cropper, Claycomb and Brumfiel are also on the squad. Phikeias Buck, Volding, Leeper and G. Webster are also making a strong showing for the team.

Brother Leonard, '10, has been appointed assistant in the department of chemistry this year.

Brother Weigh, who was our German instructor last year, has accepted the same position at University High School, Chicago.

Galesburg, October 9, 1909.

GEORGE F. CLAYCOMB.

ILLINOIS ETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The University of Illinois opened September 22. As yet no official registration has been given out, but a marked increase in attendance is noticed in all the colleges. During the summer several important improvements were made. A physics laboratory was built at a cost of \$250,000, a large addition was made on the natural history building, the law building was remodeled, and a new football field and cinder track made on Illinois Field.

Illinois Eta returned sixteen men, and after a hard week's rushing we have ten pledges.

During the summer our chapter house was painted on the outside and thoroughly redecorated on the inside.

Football prospects are good, and we are all living in hopes of a championship eleven. The regular team has not yet been picked but Brothers Watson, Davis, and Hansel are prominent members of the squad. Brother Lindgren has again been selected as one of the coaches. We are represented on the freshman 'varsity by Brothers Woolston, an affiliate from Cornell, Yaeger, an affiliate from DePauw, and Phikeias Russel Stephens, Raymond Stephens, Overstreet and Green.

For the first time in years cross country running was taken up here this fall and bids fair to be a very popular sport. More than eighty men responded to the first call for candidates among whom were Brothers Weeks, Conrad, and De Leun and Phikeia Cortus.

Brother Meek has been selected as a member of the staff of the *Illinois Agriculturist*, a monthly paper published by the college of agriculture. Brother Ingold, '09, is our new graduate manager of athletics.

Champaign, October 3, 1909.

GEO. S. WARD.

ILLINOIS ETA—ACTIVE CHAPTER.



INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Indiana Alpha introduces five new men: Ronald Wilson Kent, New Albany; Fred Beck, New Albany; Ray W. Parks, Rensselaer; Merle Luther Scott, Fairmount; Haynes Jordan Freeland, Indianapolis. Brother Miller C. Kent, who has been out of school for several years, is with us again. Byrle Osborn, of Minnesota Alpha, and Gerald Marshall, of Indiana Delta has been affiliated. Scott Edwards of Indiana Gamma is to be affiliated soon. The membership of the chapter is larger than it has been for several years. We feel confident that the general condition of the chapter is better than it has ever been before.

Brothers Freeland and Marshall have been pledged $\Phi P \Sigma$ (medical). Brother Osborn has been taken into the press club. Brother Hipskind was recently elected president of the junior class. The chapter has been represented on the football squad by Brothers Freeland, Osborn and Scott. Brothers Hipskind, Edwards and Freeland will play basketball.

The university is growing more stringent every year with regard to scholarship requirements. Indiana Alpha is insisting upon close application to university work among her underclassmen. The chapter keeps in close communication with the faculty and any carelessness on the part of a member of the Fraternity is dealt with immediately.

Work has been begun on the new science building, money for the construction of which was appropriated by the last legislature. New bleachers have been constructed on Jordan Field. Brother "Jimmy" Sheldon is developing an unusually strong football team. The big game of the season will be played with Purdue November 20, when we expect to receive many of the old brothers and a great number of visiting Phis in the chapter house. A "blanket hop" is to be given in the student building November 10. The receipts are to be used to purchase heavy red and white blankets for the football men. The drum corps, the big noise at all athletic events, is to be uniformed in the near future. The *Daily Student* publishes a sporting extra after each football game.

Bloomington, October 26, 1909.

DON HEROLD.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

Wabash College opened September 20, her seventy-seventh year. Conditions were never before so favorable for a good year as they are at present. The enrollment is larger this year than in any previous year. The quality of the men entering this year is above the average and everyone is predicting a bright future for the class of 1913.

Football holds sway in college circles. Wabash lost by graduation last year the men who made the "Little Giants" famous. The loss of Brothers Gipe and Dobbins is keenly felt. However the freshman class brought in a wealth of material and under the efficient coaching of Brother Jesse Harper, Illinois Beta, '05, we hope to turn out a winning team. Brother McColloch and Phikeias Somers and Kennedy represent Indiana Beta on the squad and bid fair to uphold the prestige of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at Wabash. Brother McColloch is assistant manager this year and will be manager next year.

The rushing season this year was unusually strenuous. The best fraternities here lost some of their best men by graduation and the race was all the closer by virtue of that fact. However Indiana Beta was rewarded for her earnest endeavor and as a result of the spike reports eleven Phikeias.

The chapter is greatly indebted to the house association because of their kindness in repairing the house during the summer. The house was thoroughly cleaned and the woodwork polished. Steam heat is to be installed and electric lights will supplant the gas. When we get a porch around the house our home will be thoroughly comfortable.

It will be of interest to the Fraternity to know that Brother Deming, who holds the state record for the 440 and who is captain of the track team for this year, broke the Ohio state record in the quarter at Cincinnati during the summer.

LAWRENCE E. DEVORE.

Crawfordsville, October 4, 1909.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER COLLEGE.

The annual fall rush proved unusually profitable to Indiana Gamma and as a result eleven new men are wearing the azure and argent. With twelve old men returned Indiana Gamma will have one of the largest chapters in her history.

In spite of the large increase, however, the chapter will feel severely the loss of three of our most valuable old men. Brother Murray, who was graduated last June is teaching in Illinois, Brother Swarty has entered business and Brother Ryan has transferred his allegiance to Harvard where he has already begun to make himself known. We are somewhat compensated for their loss by the return of Brother Spray after two year's absence.

Butler's outlook for football is encouraging, and we hope to finish on top in the secondary race. But one game has been played, as yet, which resulted in an easy victory. Brothers Thomas, captain, Roberts, Grier, and Boston, and Phikeias Sparks and Leech are representing Indiana Gamma on the team.

The chapter is at present endeavoring to start a dining room in the chapter house. We hope to have it established by the end of this month, and will be more than glad to offer its hospitality to any visiting brothers who may find themselves in our city.

LEE MOFFETT.

Irvington, October 8, 1909.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Elmer Burritt Bryan, LL. D., for the past four years president of Franklin College, resigned shortly before the opening of school to accept the presidency of Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y. Prof. Melvin E. Crowell, head of the chemistry department, has been chosen president *pro tem.* President Crowell is very popular with the student body and under his leadership the school promises to maintain the standard set by the retiring president.

Ten old men returned to form the chapter at Franklin this fall. In the rush we pledged four men. We were unfortunate in losing eight of last year's men, four by graduation and four who have affiliated elsewhere. However we will redouble our energies and maintain our reputation in college circles here.

The prospects for a winning football team are the best the college has known for some time. The thorough reorganization of the department of physical culture last year has not only added efficiency to the work done in this line but has greatly increased the interest of the students in every branch of athletic competition. Of the chapter Brothers Overstreet, captain and halfback, Ritchey, quarterback, and Jones, end, are members of the team. Brother C. L. Hall is manager of the team.

The chapter is now located in a modern residence in the best portion of the city, a house in every respect superior to any which we have heretofore occupied.

We gratefully acknowledge the aid rendered the chapter by Brother Van Riper, '07, during the spiking season. We introduce to the Fraternity Brother Fred Young, '09, of North Vernon.

Franklin, October 9, 1909.

ARTHUR C. BROWN.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

With the opening of the college year 1909-1910, Hanover College has taken a new lease on life, and has commenced making rapid strides forward. A new railroad or electric line has been voted for this district and it will aid, by putting Hanover in still closer communication with the outside world, in the material development of the institution.

Coincident with the advance of the college, Indiana Epsilon is coming to the front. The alumni have come forward very generously to our assistance and with their aid we have re-equipped our quarters, redecorated our hall and stand entirely out of debt at the present time.

We lost two men by graduation last year, Brother D. C. Reynolds, who is in charge of a ranch in Texas, and Brother Leslie MacDill, who is this year principal of the Princeton, Indiana, high school.

We have, however, two old men and five pledges and compare most favorably with any of the fraternities at Hanover.

In athletics Brother E. L. Reynolds is center on the 'varsity football team and Brother F. S. Montgomery is quarterback. Brother E. R. Nowlin is captain of the basketball team for the '09 and '10 season.

We were very glad to entertain Brother R. A. Sharp, Indiana Alpha, at the opening of college.

E. R. NOWLIN.

Hanover, October 7, 1909.

INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

Indiana Zeta lost by graduation last June Brothers Chester Jewett, Ernest Causy, and LeRoy Millikin; Brothers Vere Batsner, Hubert Thomas, and Asa Black failed to return this year. Of last year's active chapter, however, we returned nine seniors, six juniors and 6 sophomores, which, with the addition of Brothers Sylvester Morre, ex-'08, and Albert Becker, ex-'12, and the affiliation of Brother Russel Jewett, Franklin, '13, gives us twenty-four initiated men.

Indiana Zeta enjoyed a strenuous but unusually successful rushing season, pledging ten freshmen who we are sure will conform in every way to the high standards set by $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.

The enrollment this term is greater than it has been for some time and all things considered, this should be a banner year for DePauw. We are sorry to find several familiar faces absent from faculty roll, but their places have been very well filled and the faculty this year is fully up to the high standard for which it has always been noted.

The prospects for a victorious football team are very bright. Twelve "D" men are back in the fold, and with these veterans and the wealth of freshman material at hand, Coach Brown is expecting to turn out one of the best secondary college teams in the middle west. We have three men on the 'varsity, Brothers Lawrence, captain and center, Brother Grady, left halfback, and Brother Hawthorn, left guard. Phikeia Cook is showing up well at end and Phikeia Bittles is playing a good game at quarterback.

Brother Lawrence has been elected a member of K T K, the senior honorary fraternity and Brother Sloan has been chosen associate editor of *The DePauw Daily*.

Indiana Zeta has fished out of the political cauldron a goodly share of honors. Brother Love has been elected class orator by the seniors and Brother Dicks will represent the grave and revered ones on the student council. The juniors honored Brother Boyce with the class presidency. Brother Daily has been chosen sophomore representative in the student council, and Brother Becker is the freshman choice for yell leader.

We wish to thank Indiana Alpha for the good time enjoyed by the men of our chapter on the occasion of the recent Indiana-DePauw game at Bloomington.

EDWIN THOMAS.

Greencastle, October 7, 1909.

INDIANA THETA, PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Purdue opened September 8 with an enrollment of 1800. The freshman class of 400 is somewhat smaller than usual due to the advanced requirements for admission. The annual tank scrap between the under-classmen resulted in a victory for the sophomores. Another fine building has been added to the campus, the Memorial Gymnasium. It is a large structure of dark colonial brick with Bedford stone trimmings and a tile roof. It contains a gym floor of 160 x 80 feet and an overhead running track 13 laps to the mile. The basement contains a 60 x 30 swimming pool, dressing, shower and locker rooms and also separate training quarters for the 'varsity teams.

On Stuart Field Brother Speik, coach, and assistant Coach Ralph Jones are working with a squad of about 50 trying to make a good team. We are represented on the squad by Brother Chapin and Phikeia Howland.

Owing to a delay in construction of our new house we are in some what cramped quarters. However we expect to be able to move in about Thanksgiving. Our rushing season is about over and we take pleasure in reporting nine Phikeias.

DYER BUTTERFIELD.

West Lafayette, October 10, 1909.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Iowa Wesleyan opened this fall for a very prosperous year. Changes have been made in the faculty in the chairs of English, Greek and mathematics. Brother Harry Gardner, former professor of mathematics, resigned his position at Wesleyan to accept a similar one at the University of Kansas. Dean Piersal left us last commencement after a successful term of eleven years. Dean-elect Elmer E. Lymer is one of the state's most eminent men along educational lines. Miss Carrie Denise has been elected to the position of preceptress of Elizabeth Hershey Hall.

In football we are above our usual high standard. With a fast bunch at work under the direction of Coach Crow, we expect great results. Iowa Alpha is represented on the team by Brother Pantel at left guard and Phikeias Tallman and Dyball in the back field, and Johnson at end.

The prospects for a chapter house are brighter than ever before. A committee from the active chapter co-operating with the permanent chapter house committee report a most encouraging outlook.

We take great pleasure in reporting six pledges from the freshman class.

C. E. SMITH.

Mount Pleasant, October 9, 1909.



INDIANA THETA—ACTIVE CHAPTER.

IOWA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Iowa Beta was very successful in rushing this fall and takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity the following new Phis who were initiated October 1: Henry Ristine, Cedar Rapids; F. E. Allen, D. G. Allen and Morton Anderson, Estherville; S. S. Hamilton, Fort Madison; Frank Baldwin, Des Moines.

Football now holds the center of the stage at Iowa. The team, though composed almost entirely of new men, is under the able coaching of Brother Griffith and is making a strong bid for the state championship. Thus far Iowa has suffered defeat at the hands of the Minnesota team, but managed to defeat the strong Cornell aggregation in a hard fought contest. Iowa Beta is represented on the team by Brothers Murphy and Ehret.

This is the first year of the board of education and their efficiency has been well demonstrated especially in the management of financial matters. The new \$200,000 law bulding is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy by January 1. It is of Bedford stone and in perfect harmony with the other buildings. Contracts have been let for new engineering sheds and for a new \$100,000 physics building, which is to be one of the best in the west.

October 15 Δ T A will hold a smoker for freshmen fraternity men. This custom was instituted by K Σ three years ago and smokers have been given by K Σ, Φ Δ Θ and B Θ II.

Φ K Ψ has moved into their recently acquired house on College Street, A Φ Δ, the legal fraternity, occupying the old house. K K Γ and II B Φ have also changed locations this year.

Iowa City, October 10, 1909.

HORACE C. YOUNG.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Kansas Alpha has begun another promising year. Twenty-one out of last year's twenty-five members have enrolled this fall and rushing season has added nine more men, six of whom were initiated October 3. The initiates are Brothers Clyde A. Dodge, Kansas City, Mo.; H. W. Laffer, Jewell City; John B. Welch and Guy Walker, Hutchinson; Orville Warner, Garden City; Vernon O. Ward, Wellington. Brother Asa R. Black, DePauw, '12, has affiliated making us one more Phi to the good.

We have been fortunate this year in having many visits from alumni, particularly men of last year and the year before. May they continue to come and always feel at home.

Our representation in university affairs is even better than last year. Brothers Power, Rhodes and Dodge are on the glee club, Brother Power being manager. Brothers Johnson, Lovett, Power and Allphin are in football; Martin, Burger and Johnston are on the *Kansan* staff. The chapter is likewise represented in the dramatic clubs, the band and orchestra and the various class activities.

Lawrence, October 10, 1909.

CHAS. J. ROBINSON.

KENTUCKY ALPHA-DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

Central University opened up this season with a slight increase of attendance. Since the college requirements have been raised the number of students has not been what it should be. But now as the surrounding high schools have begun raising their standards we expect a steady increase of students.

The football season has opened with much better prospects than for years. Under the efficient coaching of M. B. Banks of Syracuse the team shows a fine chance for the state championship. Mr. Banks was picked for third All-American quarterback. Besides being a star in football he was captain of the basketball team, played second base on the 'varsity nine and was also a distance runner. Kentucky Alpha-Delta is represented on the gridiron by Brothers Duffy, captain of 'varsity, Caldwell, Brownell and Anderson, subs.

This year we were very unfortunate in returning only six out of sixteen men. We are pleased to state that two men have been pledged and we have several others in sight. Fraternity material has been very scarce this season. A K E and B Θ II start in with chapter houses this year.

W.M. C. ANDERSON.

Danville, October 7, 1909.

KENTUCKY EPSILON, KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY.

The university opened September 7 with a better outlook for a successful season than in any previous year. A freshman class of 175 was enrolled by September 10. The university roll will number about seven hundred students and a spirit, hitherto unknown, has infected the student body, which bids fair to place our football team at the head of the southern universities. Coach Sweetland of Syracuse has just returned with the team from Urbana with his first big victory of the season, 6 to 2 over the University of Illinois. Brothers Barber, right halfback (captain); Threlkeld, full back; B. Shanklin, right end, and Mayes, center, represent us on the team.

Our boys greatly enjoyed a dinner given to them by Illinois Eta while in Urbana, and spoke highly of the men in that chapter.

Fraternity material was very scarce this year. We secured five men, four of whom have been initiated, and, with an active chapter of fourteen, we are again ready to uphold the honor of Φ Δ Θ. The new members are Brothers K. Underwood, Lexington; G. S. Shanklin, Jr., Lexington; L. C. Ford, Lancaster; Wm. Woods, Nicholasville.

The freshman-sophomore flag rush resulted in a victory for the freshmen. They defended the flag for four and a half hours, and were never in serious danger of losing it. The faculty is working hand-in-hand with the boys in all their sports and there is a better feeling between the fraternity men and the rest of the students than has been known in the history of the institution.

The chapter is located for the coming college year at 115 Hagerman Court and all visiting Phis are assured of a hearty welcome in true Kentucky style.

SHELBY SHANKLIN.

Lexington, October 10, 1909.

LOUISIANA ALPHA, TULANE UNIVERSITY.

The university opened October 1 with a slight increase in attendance. The course in architecture and architectural engineering have been enlarged and a full four year course is now offered in both. Mr. John M. Ardway bequeathed to Tulane his valuable scientific library, his microscopes and their accessories. Dr. Ivey, professor of mathematics and astronomy has resigned from the faculty. Professor Albert Dinwiddie has been appointed to succeed him. The department of dentistry opened with a large attendance.



LOUISIANA ALPHA—ACTIVE CHAPTER.

Louisiana Alpha has just entered upon the twentieth year of its existence. We are making every preparation to make this anniversary together with the province convention enjoyable as well as memorable.

On the night of October 9 we held our first initiation and three promising young men were added to our number. We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Mark Henry Robinson, Omer Villere Clairborne and Louis Joseph Fortier. Brother Louis Fortier was elected historian of his class. Brother James Fortier has been elected business manager, and Brother Henry Chambers assistant editor of the *Tulane Weekly*.

The football squad opened what promises to be a brilliant season by defeating the local gymnasium club. We are represented on the team by Brothers Frank Bean and "Cupid" West, playing right and left guard respectively.

MICHEL BECNEL PROVOSTY.

New Orleans, October 11, 1909.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY COLLEGE.

Once more Maine Alpha is back at Colby occupying the new chapter house leased from the college. The coming year promises to be more prosperous than ever. Several new courses have been added among which is a course in public speaking. There have also been several changes in the new personnel of the faculty, Professor Tolman taking the place of Dr. Lawton in the physics department; Karl R. Kennison, Colby, '06, has been elected instructor in physics; Professor Holder is now occupying the chair of mathematics and Brother Frank Osborn Dean, '09, has been made instructor in English and rhetoric.

Our entering class is the largest in the annals of the institution and from a class of this size we hope to be able to get enough football material to give Colby another winning team. We are handicapped by the loss of six veterans but the new men look so promising that we still have a good show for championship honors.

We have eleven new men pledged and expect to hold our initiation banquet soon. Phikeias Frohock, '13, and Hunt, '13, have shown marked football ability.

We are weakened by the loss of Brothers Allen, '11, Jordan, '12, Arey, '12, and Carpenter, '12, who will not return to college this year. Brother Welch, '12, has been forced to leave since returning, on account of illness, but hopes to be able to return later in the fall. We are more than glad to welcome back among us Brother Chester A. Grant, ex-'07, who will return about October 15 to complete his course.

Our new chapter house has been thoroughly renovated and repaired and has been newly furnished throughout. It is the best located and most convenient fraternity house in the college and we are very much pleased with the change from our old quarters.

Waterville, October 12, 1909.

CROWELL E. PEASE.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

Williams opened September 16 with the largest registration in the history of the college. The freshman enrollment for this year is 223 which is an increase of nearly 50 over that of last year. Several new buildings on the campus have been completed during the summer. Currier Hall, the new dormitory, was opened on September 13 with accommodations for 60 men. The lower floor of this building is taken up with the college commons where at present some 120 of the undergraduates

are boarding. The dining and lounging rooms are very elaborately finished, and as a whole the building is one of the handsomest on the campus. Fayerweather Hall has been completely remodeled throughout, all the rooms have been redecorated and new hard wood floors laid in them. The new X Ψ house has also been finished and the chapter has moved in. At the alumni dinner held in June, President Garfield announced two important gifts to the college, one a new fire-proof infirmary given by Mrs. F. F. Thompson, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; the second, an auditorium presented by Mr. Arthur C. Chapin, '69, of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial to his wife.

The annual "Freshman Peerade" was held on Saturday afternoon October 2, and was followed by the freshman-sophomore baseball game which resulted in a victory for the sophomores by the score of 5 to 1 Phikeia Stephens caught for the freshmen. Mountain Day was celebrated Wednesday, October 6.

The football outlook seems, as far as can be predicted at this early date, to be brighter than was generally expected considering the fact that eight of last year's team were lost by graduation. The freshman class has brought some good material and the showing that the team has made in the two games it has played has been very satisfactory. On September 25 R. P. I. was defeated by the score of 18 to 0, and on October 9 the strong Harvard team was held to an 8 to 6 score. Brother Van Gorder is playing substitute quarter on the team this year.

Since college opened the chapter has enjoyed visits from several alumni, Brothers Heath and Scudder, ex-'10, Hulst, '06, Stoddard, '07, Scott, '08, and Lawrence and Meeker, '09. A few days ago we had the pleasure of entertaining Brother John B. Ballou, treasurer of the general council and Brother C. W. Doten, province vice-president. We take pleasure in announcing that we have pledged six new men.

Williamstown, October 10, 1909.

J. D. LESTER.

MASSACHUSETTS BETA, AMHERST COLLEGE.

The 89th session finds many changes of minor and major importance in curriculum and buildings. One of the finest biological laboratories in the country has been completed at a cost of \$150,000, containing Amherst's world famous collection of fossil footprints, and also the \$50,000 collection of uncut gems.

The 50th anniversary of Barrett Gymnasium, the first college gymnasium in the country is soon to be commemorated; with the start of the football season Amherst has left behind fifty years of college baseball, of which the first game in the world was played and won against Williams, 73 to 32, in 1859.

At this writing Amherst has played two games in football with unsatisfactory results, a tie and a defeat. A bright future is in prospect though when the sterling material has been properly adjusted.

Rushing season during the first week of college brought results far beyond the expectations of the chapter. The largest delegation in several years was pledged and initiated on the eve of the Dartmouth game, October 23, when several Dartmouth, Williams, and Brown brothers were present. Massachusetts Beta takes pleasure in presenting the following new brothers: Kenneth B. Beckwith, '13, Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. Paul Barnes, '13, Rambler, Pa.; J. Z. Colton, '12, Chicago, Ill.; W. H. Blackmer, '13, Worcester; Irvine W. Elliott, '13, Brookline; Frederick

J. Guetter, '13, Elwyn, Pa.; John L. King, Winnetka, Ill.; Alton W. Mabry, '13, Watertown; Raymond W. Stone, '13, Brookline; Edwin Wesner, '13, Brookline; James E. Willits, '13, Brookline; Stanton P. Wilcox, '13, Grand Rapids, Mich. We have two pledges already from the class of 1914. Phikeias Guetter, '13, and Willits, '13, are regular members of the 'varsity team. Brothers Cass, '12, Randell, '12, and C. B. Beckwith, '11, are on the mandolin club, while Brother Treadwell, '11, and Phikeia Beckwith, '13, are on the glee club.

Brother McClure, '10, who is now studying law at the University of West Virginia, will return in January to complete his course in three and one-half years.

GEORGE L. TREADWELL.

Amherst, October 7, 1909.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The university opened October 4 for its seventy-second year and indications are that the enrollment will be larger than last year. Prospects look bright for a successful year for the university and for Michigan Alpha.

During the summer several of the rooms in the house were redecorated and its appearance is much improved. There were many improvements made on the campus. The new chemistry building is not quite completed but will be within a few weeks.

Seventeen old men returned and we are now in the midst of a rushing season that is proving to be a very strenuous one. So far we have five men pledged and hope to secure more. We were pleased to have with us during rushing season Brothers Idema and Hoover who were graduated last spring. Brother Cowles of Kansas City and Brother Fox of Detroit were also here and gave great assistance. We want to thank the Brothers who were kind enough to recommend to us their freshman friends.

JAS. S. LAWSHE.

Ann Arbor, October 8, 1909.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The University of Minnesota opened September 14 with increased attendance over last year. The football prospects are the best in years, and unless all indications go wrong our team will be a record breaker. Already Minnesota has met and defeated Lawrence and Iowa by scores of 25 to 0 and 41 to 0 respectively. In both contests Brother Johnston at left half played a wonderful and spectacular game. Phikeia Powell is also on the football squad.

Minnesota Alpha returned eleven men, among whom was Stanely Vance who comes to us, after two years in Panama, to complete his law course.

An interfraternity council is in the process of formation and in order to have the best, representatives will be sent to the leading western colleges to study similar organizations. Perhaps the chief bone of contention is high school pledging. On October 22-23 an all-university carnival will be pulled off. The various fraternities and organizations will take some particular part and the annual academic cane rush will conclude events on the latter date. Near prospects for a new chapter house are urging us to our best endeavors and we hope our dreams may be realized next spring or at latest next fall. Minnesota Alpha has been pleased to receive visits from Brothers Cochrane, Michigan Alpha; Stephenson,



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Walters	Victor	Peppard	Andrews	Long
Mather	Lane	Thompson	Klimenhagen	Klimenhagen
Blanchett	Johnson	Ray	Nelson	Little
G. McCanna	Rextord	Bryant	Sheild	McCanna
				McIvin

Allen, T. E., Allen, D. G., Anderson Ehret, Harwood and Ristine, Iowa Beta; Pettibone, Illinois Alpha; Steffens, Illinois Beta; Bagstad, South Dakota Alpha; Boyce, Minnesota Alpha, '07.

Minneapolis, Oct. 7, 1909.

T. ALBERT PEPPARD.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The university opened September 23 with the largest enrollment and the brightest prospects for the "Greater University" in the history of the institution.

We returned Brothers Gardner, Jones, Lee, Price, R. Smith Wynn and Witty. Brother Abe D. Somerville of Virginia Zeta is a fellow in history and is taking law here. He will affiliate.

We take great pleasure in introducing at this time the following five initiates, of whom we are very proud: Robert Gardner, Greenwood; Harry Love, Leland; Wm. T. McKinney, Anguilla; Robert N. Aldridge, Estill; Thomas Yates, Oxford. Brother D. N. Powers has been detained at home on account of serious illness. We are glaid to note his convalescence and hope for his return at an early date. Brother J. Clarence Fair was also detained at home and we are delighted to learn that he will soon be with us again. Brother Sam Foose will be with us after Christmas.

The committee on "chapter house" is steadily at work and through the untiring efforts of the secretary, Brother Robt. N. Somerville, we feel confident that our hopes and anticipations for a fine house will be realized in the near future. We desire to extend our thanks to our alumni for their earnest support and loyalty to Mississippi Alpha during the past year. Our club room has been renovated and remodeled and is now very neat and inviting in appearance.

The freshman class this year is the largest on record and contains an exceedingly large per cent of fraternity material. Prospects for a strenuous year of rushing are already apparent.

Brothers Somerville and Witty have the positions of assistants in the department of history.

The 'varsity glee club has come to be one of the greatest of college activities at the university. Under the management of Brother F. C. Lee we look forward to one of the most successful seasons the club has ever experienced. We will be ably represented by Brothers Lee, Love, Jones and McKinney.

At the organization of the Sphynx club, our cotillion club, Brother W. T. Wynn was elected president for this year. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is represented by Brothers Jones, Lee, Love, McKinney, Smith, Somerville, Witty, Wynn and Yates. This is a very large representation in view of the fact that the membership of the club is restricted to fifty.

At the class elections Brother McKinney was elected president of the sophomore class. In the law department Brother Witty has been chosen aniversarian of the Blackstone club. This means that he will deliver the address on November 10, when a holiday will be given to celebrate the occasion.

It afforded us very great pleasure to have with us at the opening Brothers Sledge, E. C. Coleman, L. D. Jackson, Joe and John Aldrich and C. H. Buckley. We always accord our old men a very hearty welcome when they visit the university.

WILLIAM T. WYNN.

University, October 10, 1909.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Since the beginning of the scholastic year prosperity has favored both the university and $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. Thirteen old men returned, and as the result of a successful rushing season, Missouri Alpha introduces to the Fraternity ten new men, Brothers Romulus Culver Smith, James Richmond, Jr., Marshall Lee Carder, and Earnest Charles Maxwell, all from St. Joseph; Milton Stanley Minnis and Flato Daniel, St. Louis; George Nelson Lockridge, Kansas City; Frank Clarke Mann, Springfield; Edwin Crandall Evans, Sedalia; Richmond Pumbell Gibson, New Haven, Conn. During rushing season we had a very pleasant visit from Brother Fred Cowles, vice-president of Zeta Province, from Brother W. B. Burrus and Mrs. Burrus, from Norfolk, Va., and from Carroll Potter of Johns Hopkins. Brothers Allan and Burrette Oliver, and Harry Himmelberger toured up from Cape Girardeau in Brother Himmelberger's "Winton Six." A plan was evolved by Brother Burrus which will entail a thorough renovation of the chapter house almost immediately. This will also insure the fact that Missouri Alpha will have the best home of any fraternity here for many years.

Despite the small appropriation by the legislature, an increase in attendance is noted this year. The new \$100,000 agricultural building is now occupied and offers much improvement in facilities to the students of that department. The engineering department has added to its buildings, the old main building of the "farmer's," which has been remodeled to suit the needs of the civil engineers. Situated just off the campus is the new \$75,000 home of the Y. M. C. A. which was finished during the summer. It is quite complete, and besides housing many students, it has a swimming pool, bowling alleys, barber shops, lunch counter, tailoring establishments, reading rooms etc.

The annual class rush between freshmen and sophomores occurred the first Friday after the opening of school, and was won for the second successive year by the freshmen. After an hour's hard fighting the first year men's "reserve" overcame the tired sophomores and the old north pole was easily scaled for the coveted Missouri banner. The "backstop" fight for the honor of having the department name and numerals painted on the baseball backstop for the year resulted in a draw. The freshmen of the agricultural, law and engineering departments had fought fifteen hours for supremacy when a truce was declared and the backstop burned.

The advent of Coach Roper formerly of Princeton but now of Missouri has given a new spirit to students and faculty men. Mr. Roper has already done wonders with both old and new material and the Tigers are confident of defeating their ancient rivals, the Jayhawkers. Our schedule includes games with Monmouth (which team we have defeated), Kansas Agricultural School, Drake, Ames, Iowa, Washington University, Rolla School of Mines and Kansas. Brother Saunders is at present playing first quarter on the 'varsity. J. P. KLEIN.

Columbia, October 7, 1909.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

On September 10 Westminster College sustained an almost irreparable loss in the burning of two of her five buildings. There remain standing Reunion Hall, Science Hall and Washington West Mansion. The walls of the burned buildings, Westminster Hall and Chapel, are being torn

down as fast as possible to make way for the new buildings, costing \$150,000, which are already planned.

While the fire was yet smoldering President Kerr had printed cards telling of the disaster and of the beginning of school on the days as specified. These cards were sent to all last year students in the hopes that nothing would deter them from coming to Westminster.

The enrollment now, while not up to normal, is very reassuring and all feel confident that with the new buildings (which include a recitation building, one for a chapel and the two literary societies and one for a gymnasium) for next year, Westminster will make more rapid strides.

Our chapter lost by graduation in June Brothers Pankey, McIntire, Bradshaw, Allen, Wilson and Brown. Brother Pankey had the honor of being placed on the commencement program.

The returning fraternity chapters were very small. B Θ II returned five, K A five, Φ Δ Θ six, Brothers Penney, Ready, McKee, McElhinney, Smith and Cofer. On September 17 we initiated J. Douglas Bartley of Fulton, whose father and uncle are alumni of this chapter. On September 25 we initiated Robert James Wallace of Bartlesville, Okla. and Arthur Kriehn of Lexington. Before this is printed we will have initiated two other Phikeias.

The additions to the faculty are Rev. Conrad Vanderwelde, A.M., B.D., professor of education, Bible and philosophy; W. I. Utterbach, A.B., professor of biology; Jesse L. Brenneman, A.M., professor of physics and applied mathematics; F. L. Tinkham, A.B., academy instructor and coach.

The football squad of about 30 men are in daily practice and Coach Tinkham is proving a "good one." He is rounding the bunch into shape very quickly and is quite optimistic over the prospects for a winning team. Brothers McKee, McElhinney, Smith and Wallace, Phikeias Kerr, Wright and C. Haldeman are on the squad while Brother Penney is captain.

JOHN T. READY.

Fulton, September 29, 1909.

MISSOURI GAMMA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Washington University opened this fall with bright prospects for the ensuing year. The enrollment in every department shows a marked increase over that of last year. The law school and school of fine arts formerly located down town have been moved out to the campus. The new Graham memorial chapel has been completed but will not be dedicated until the return of Mrs. Graham from Europe. A residence for Chancellor Houston is now being built. It is located on Forsythe Avenue, just across from the campus and will be of the same style of architecture as the university buildings.

Missouri Gamma has lost Brothers Hardaway, Turner and Leroy Wehrle by graduation and Brother Fred Wehrle, retired. Brother Hardaway successfully passed the examinations for the U. S. army and has received his appointment as second lieutenant. He will be stationed at Fort Monroe. Brother Turner is employed in the mechanical engineering department of the Kansas City Southern Railroad at Pittsburg, Kan. Brother Leroy Wehrle returned to his home in Belleville, Ill. Brother Fred Wehrle is attending the Cincinnati School of Fine Arts. Brother John Mare, '08, is now assistant in mineralogy at the University of Michigan.

We are pleased to announce the affiliation of Brother Ralph E. Doane of Wisconsin Alpha. We wish also to introduce to the Fraternity Brothers William Conzelman, Paul Halderman, Garner Penny and Chas. Leibig of St. Louis; Chas. Wilson of Cape Girardeau; Lewis Maverick of San Antonio, Texas.

GEO. W. LANE.

St. Louis, October 27, 1909.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The University of Nebraska opened September 28 with the largest enrollment in its history. There was more fraternity material among the freshman class this year than ever before. We have just pledged six new men.

Our new athletic field is nearly completed and the students of Nebraska have just cause to feel that when this field is completed it will be the best in the Missouri valley.

The football squad is unusually large this fall, sixty-five men appearing on the field every evening. Brother Birkner, last year's right half-back, has just returned from Alaska. As yet he has not appeared for practice but we all expect to see him out in a few days.

Lincoln, October 10, 1909.

RALPH COAD.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

The inauguration of Dartmouth's new president, Dr. Ernest Fox Nichols, which takes place this week, is the event about which the whole activity and interest of the college is now centered. There will be in attendance at the function over one hundred presidents of prominent educational institutions from all parts of the United States together with as many more faculty representatives of note. Among the speakers taking part in the exercises may be named President Butler of Columbia University, Governor Quinby of New Hampshire, Hon. James Bryce, British ambassador to the United States and Dr. William Tucker, Dartmouth's retiring president.

Another feature connected with the inauguration is to be the laying of the corner stone of the new gymnasium, now in process of erection. The president-elect will officiate at these exercises, acting for the first time in his capacity of chief executive of the college. The gymnasium, for which the ground was broken last June, is rapidly rising and will be completed it is expected by the late spring. The building will fulfill a long standing need of the college and the student body is watching the progress of the work with greatest interest.

The football prospects at the present time are most promising. Dartmouth has already played three games, two victories and a tie; Massachusetts State College, 22 to 0; University of Vermont, 0 to 0; Bowdoin, 15 to 0. The work of Brother Ryan at halfback deserves special mention particularly in regard to his exceptional ground gaining qualities manifested so far this season.

EVERARD S. PRATT.

Hanover, October 10, 1909.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The university opens this year with over five thousand registered students. The appearance of the campus has been changed to a small extent. The quadrangle has been enlarged by the sodding of Central Avenue in front of the president's office. There is also a dormitory being

erected on the library slope. Who knows but what this is the first of a number of dormitories to be established at Cornell? Let us hope.

New York Alpha commences its thirty-eighth year in a very healthy and prosperous condition. All of the boys are back with the exceptions of Brothers Walter W. Kuhn who has gone into the automobile business in Indianapolis, Harry E. Snyder who has entered Pennsylvania, William H. Woolston who has entered Illinois thus leaving the chapter with twenty-three active members.

During the summer vacation the chapter house was equipped with electricity and new fixtures; there has also been considerable decorating and repairing done, which all add to our comfortable home.

Ithaca, October 9, 1909.

W. H. KENNEDY.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION UNIVERSITY.

Union opened this fall on what promises to be an exceedingly brilliant year for the college. A large percentage of the old students are back and there are about 120 freshmen. President Chas. Alexander Richmond who was inaugurated last year, has, by the earnestness with which he has performed his duties here, and the spirit which he has shown in everything that is for the betterment of the college, won great popularity among the students. During the past year the endowment fund has been increased to \$400,000. The civil engineering building is rapidly nearing completion and adds greatly to the appearance of the campus besides filling long felt want in the engineering department. The new gymnasium fund is steadily increasing and we feel certain that the building will be erected in the near future.

Δ T is building a large house on the campus.

The progress of Union is not more marked than that of New York Beta. Thirteen of last year's chapter are back and we have pledged four men.

The chapter lost last year Brother Wallace, '11, who is working on a railroad survey at Utica, N. Y., and by graduation Brothers Guardenier and Pettit. Brother Guardenier is at the Albany Law School and Brother Pettit is employed on the State Barge Canal.

Plans have been drawn for a chapter house and we hope to have them printed in the next issue of THE SCROLL.

Brother Van Deusen, '10 is editor-in-chief of the *Concordiensis* and chairman of the missionary committee of the Christian Association. Brother Shutler, '10 is playing his fourth year on the football team. Brothers Hendricks, '10 and Van Aerman, '11 are out for fall track work. Brother Whiteside, '11 is assistant manager of the baseball team. Brother Dunn, '11 is president of the junior class. Brothers Dunn, '11 Van Aernam, '11 Martin, '12 and S. M. Phikeia Smith, '13 are on the glee club. Brother Whiteside is on the mandolin club.

Attention has been called to the change of the place of the alumni luncheons. Until further notice they will be held Tuesdays at 12.15 P. M. at Glenn Bros., 422 State Street. Last year these luncheons aided greatly in securing a close relationship between the alumni and the active chapter and it is the desire of the chapter to keep in as close touch as possible with all of our alumni.

HENRY E. WHITESIDE.

Schenectady, October 22, 1909.

NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

On September 22 the formal opening exercises of Columbia University took place in the gymnasium. During the summer many changes have been made about the campus, the most important of these being the completion of the new \$10,000 athletic field, donated by the classes of '84 and '99 Mines, and the starting of work on Kent Hall, Columbia's new law building, the corner stone of which was laid October 4.

The annual flag rush between the sophomore and freshman classes took place October 1, under the direction of the student board. The sophomores locked arms around a fifteen foot pole which had three bars nailed across it, the lowest being eight feet from the ground. On the top was placed a 1912 banner. The freshmen at a given signal rushed in a body, and attempted to push the opposing class away from the pole at the same time throwing up one of their men in an endeavor to displace the flag. There was hard fighting on both sides but owing to the better organization of the 1912 men the banner still floated above their heads when time was called.

The first call for crew brought out sixty-eight candidates, thirty-six of whom were freshmen. On the 'varsity squad is Brother Clapp who rowed on last year's 'varsity four at Poughkeepsie. Nearly all the brothers are already out for some of the university teams. Among these are Brother Barret who is out for the cross country and soccer teams; Brother Bertrand who is working on the swimming, track and wrestling teams; Brother Armstrong who is trying for his class track team; Brothers Penfield, Ford and Jeanrette who are in the glee club; and Brother William Wheeler, who holds the intercollegiate championship on the horse for the gym team.

In offices on the campus, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has her share. Brother Harry Darlington is manager of the glee and mandolin club and of the soccer team, and is also president of the Christian association; Brother Broe is the manager of the 'varsity show; Brother Ramsdell is manager of the baseball team, and captain of the chess team; Brother Weber is vice-president of the swimming association, and assistant treasurer of the intercollegiate swimming association; Brother Armstrong is on the board of associate editors of the *Spectator*.

The rushing season has been a busy one for the chapter, the alumni strongly co-operating with the undergrads. First among those who have assisted the chapter in this activity is Brother Baskerville who entertained the brothers and their guests with a beef steak dinner at his estate overlooking the Hudson River. The new men were taken from the chapter house to Brother Baskerville's in automobiles. Coming up the winding drive of the Baskerville estate, the party was first welcomed by the cherry sight of a roaring log fire built on the lawn in front of the house. Brother Baskerville next appeared and extended a hearty welcome to all. The steaks were then brought forth and broiled over the fire. It was certainly a jolly crowd that sat down to that supper and Brother Baskerville proved to be a most entertaining host. After the meal was finished the whole party sat around the fire and sang college songs until it grew late and the fire burned low. A vote of thanks was then extended to Brother Baskerville for the royal good time that every one had had.

Twenty-two of the members of New York Delta returned this fall and as the freshman class seems to have much good material, the outlook for

the chapter is very promising. We have initiated the following men and take great pleasure in introducing them to the Fraternity: Brothers Martin De Forest Smith, '12 P. and S., Kingston; Huber M. Herring, '11 C., Scarsdale; Harry H. Warden, '12 C., Topeka, Kan.; Frances De Sales Welch, '13 C., South Amboy, N. J.; Orson Kilborn, '13 C., New York City. We have also pledged five men.

ALLAN H. SMITH.

New York, October 9, 1909.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Syracuse University opened September 5 and the attendance this year promises to exceed that of former years, the freshman classes in all departments showing a large increase.

The university has been honored by Mrs. Russell Sage by a gift of \$50,000 to the Teacher's College.

The annual flour rush was won by the freshmen while the sophomores won the salt rush.

The prospects for football season are not as brilliant as in past years, the team having lost eight veterans by graduation. Brothers Waugh and Reynolds are among the stars of last year's great eleven that will be much missed on the gridiron this fall. The squad this year is very much lighter than in former years and Coach "Tad" Jones is working hard to make up in speed what is lacking in weight. New York Epsilon is represented on the squad by Brothers Scully, Darby, Lyons and Myers.

Twenty-one men have returned to the chapter and our rushing season so far has been very successful, resulting in eight pledges.

Brother Kirkpatrick of Pennsylvania Alpha has entered the university and is a candidate for the football team. Brother Henry Dexter, '07, has re-entered the university to study medicine.

Syracuse, October 6, 1909.

WALTER A. DARBY.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The University of North Carolina opened in September with about 800 students, an increase of a little more than 50 over last year's enrollment. During the past summer a great many improvements have been made here and the university is now better able to accommodate its students. A new power plant has been installed and the campus has been much improved by the addition of walks and the building up of waste places.

Carolina's prospects in football are better than they were last year. Mr. Brides, an ex-Yale end, is coaching the team. Eight old 'varsity men are back and the new material is plenteous. Only two games have been played so far. The first game, which was with Wake Forest, was won by a score of 18 to 0 and the second with the University of Tennessee resulted in another victory for Carolina by a score of 3 to 0.

North Carolina Beta takes great pleasure in announcing the names of the following new brothers as a result of the past rushing season: W. D. Egerton, S. S. Dixon, A. J. Hobgood, J. H. Blount, P. V. Godfrey, E. H. Yelverton, J. H. Harris and A. L. Feild. Brothers C. A. Meisenheimer and Wortham Wyatt, who were out of college last year, are back with us this year. Brother T. F. Hickerson who was at Boston Tech last year is now assistant in the mathematics department here. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is also represented on the faculty by Brothers W. S. Bernard, Ph.D., David Dolley, A.M., M.D., and P. H. Winston, A.B.

Chapel Hill, October 9, 1909.

FLOYD G. WHITNEY.



NEW YORK EPSILON—ACTIVE CHAPTER.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

Miami opened this fall with the largest enrollment in her history. Our two new buildings, the Carnegie Library and the Normal Building, will be ready for dedication the first of the year. These additions to the campus supply a long felt want and will greatly increase our working facilities.

In football we have an unusually hard schedule for a college of this size, playing such colleges as Western Reserve, Notre Dame and St. Louis University. Brother Chapin is playing his old position at quarter. Brother Fitzgerald is quarterback on the second team and Brother Eldridge, formerly of Butler, is playing a star game at end. The only other college activity yet started is the glee club on which we are represented by Brothers Ward, Willey, Hitchcock, Lee and Eldridge, with Brother Piercy pianist and president.

We have returned a full chapter this year, losing only three men besides the seniors. Brother Hildebolt is in Texas, Brother Risley is in an architect's office in Lima, Ohio, and Brother Kilgour is at home in Cincinnati. Brother James Cameron was with us for a short time but had to return home on account of sickness.

The rushing season closed October 7 and we are glad to present to the Fraternity six men whom we consider the pick of the class of 1913.

Oxford, October 7, 1909.

E. W. KEENER.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The college enrollment for the fall term has surpassed that of any previous term in the history of the university. Several additions to the faculty have been made and this promises to be the greatest year the college has ever known.

Ohio Beta also shares in the good prospects. We returned sixteen initiated and three pledged men and have pledged seven additional men. Our men are already taking their places in the various lines of college activity. Our football men, Patton and Wright, are with us and Brothers Gilruth, Cope and Shipp are on the squad.

The finances of the chapter are in good shape. We wish to acknowledge the assistance and watchful care of Brother Gordon Armstrong, professor of mathematics in the university. We were greatly pleased recently to receive a visit from Brother Benton, president of Miami who brought us greetings from our sister chapter, Ohio Alpha.

Delaware, October 10, 1909.

RALPH W. SOCKMAN.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Ohio University opened September 13 with a large increase in attendance. But few changes have been made in the faculty this year. Prof. H. R. Pierce, of Mount Union College, has been selected as the head of the new department of public speaking. Prof. John Corbett of Harvard takes the position of director of athletics made vacant by the resignation of Director Jones.

Our chapter house committee is hard at work. With a little more co-operation along the financial line from our alumni our chapter house will soon be in evidence.

The completion of our new gymnasium marks the beginning of a new era in Ohio athletics. The building was erected at a cost of about \$60,000 and is equipped throughout with the most modern apparatus. The university has been exceedingly fortunate in securing John Corbett of Har-



vard University as physical director. Professor Corbett has been engaged in athletic work for some years and has made an enviable record in football, baseball, hockey, track work and other athletic sports.

The football team, while composed for the most part of light and inexperienced men, is not lacking in spirit and determination, and under the direction of Brother "Crum" Kaler, bids fair to become a creditable one. Ohio Gamma has three men on the team, two of whom are old men, Brother Wood, left end, and Brother Lewis, fullback, who made their "O's" last season. Ohio is playing under the rules of the Ohio athletic conference.

On October 6 we initiated seven Phikeias and now take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers Wylie D. Bryan, '13, Point Pleasant, W. Va.; Dix Preston, '13, Athens; Vance Donley, '13, Cleveland; Clay D. Housel, '13, Mogadore; Gerald Kelley, '12, McArthur; Ralph A. Lewis, '12, Sabina; Oliver K. MacWilliams, '12, Cleveland. We now have twenty active members and one pledged man.

The trying out for glee club has begun with over fifty enthusiastic contestants. It is safe to say that $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ will be well represented along that line. Brother Wood was chosen captain of the basketball team.

Several This from other chapters have dropped in for a day with us, and our doors are always wide open to brothers in the Bond.

Athens, October 11, 1909.

E. F. THOMPSON.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Ohio State University opened this year with a larger registration than she has ever had at any former time at the beginning of the school year—over 2600. The new student building is just about completed and will probably be ready for occupancy about January 1, 1910. The new \$100,000 veterinary hospital is also rapidly nearing completion. The football field has been improved with an iron paling fence at one end and extending about half way along either side, and with two ticket offices.

The outlook for Ohio Zeta this year is encouraging. We have returned from last year sixteen active This and initiated six new men October 9. The new men are: Arthur Fox, Hamilton; Philip K. Winslow, Columbus; Mark H. Kolter, Wapakoneta; Wayne F. Lee, Sidney; and N. Marion White, Jackson. In addition we still have four men pledged. We hope and expect also to have four more of last year's men return to school after Christmas. Other This at State whom we are glad to have with us are: Boone, Indiana Delta; Haley, Colorado Alpha, and Leroy, Ohio Gamma.

In spite of the fact that only three 'varsity football men returned to school this fall (and all three This) we have a promising team and hope to win the Big Six cup this year. As yet State has not, this season, been defeated on her own field; Otterbein, Wittenberg and Wooster being defeated respectively 14 to 0; 39 to 0 and 74 to 0. October 16 Michigan defeated State 33 to 6 but the Scarlet and Gray players made an excellent showing in spite of the one sided score. There are three This from Ohio Zeta on the team: Jones, quarterback and captain; Wells, left half, and Powel left tackle, and from Indiana Delta, Boone, sub center.

Of the men we graduated last year, Harry Allen is an assistant professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.; James Mc-

Cleery is practicing law with his father at Lancaster, Ohio; and Thomas Morris is with his father in the Morris Machine Tool Supply Co. at Cincinnati.

HARRISON E. BARRINGER.

Columbus, October 19, 1909.

OHIO ETA, CASE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

Case opened for the year September 23 with an exceptionally large number of freshmen. This class, on the whole, is better than usual, both in quantity and quality and should afford good material for fraternities.

There have been several changes in the faculty. Among the new members are Mr. Vose, Maine, '00, Mr. Sweetzer, Massachusetts Tech. Mr. Howard, Harvard, '07, Dr. H. B. North, Wisconsin, Mr. Clark, Iowa State, Prof. Lewis D. Rowell, Wisconsin, Mr. Owen, Virginia Military Institute, and Prof. J. H. Nelson, South Dakota. A new position known as the professorship of history has been created this year. This is filled by Prof. Geo. H. Johnson.

The football prospects this year are very bright as most of last year's team are still in college and several of last year's freshmen have shown up very well. Ohio Eta is represented on the squad by Brothers Hinaman, Barren, Prochaska and Mitchell.

The glee club is being organized by Brother Barkdull who is leader and manager. The chapter will be represented by Brothers Barkdull, Bogardus, Perry and Phikeia Allen.

The rushing season here is not yet over and probably will not be for several weeks but we are ready to report six Phikeias all of whom live in Cleveland.

Brother Perry of Pennsylvania Delta was affiliated October 4.

Cleveland, October 6, 1909.

JACK R. BOLLIETT.

OHIO THETA, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

On September 27 the University of Cincinnati opened with an increase in attendance. The addition of the co-operative course to the civil engineering department made giant strides toward the elimination of the regular engineering students from U. C. Of the 130 "Co-ops" in the whole school, 72 are freshmen.

The university is now unquestionably a municipal institution. Nearly \$600,000 have been granted it recently by the city authorities for the purpose of erecting an engineering building, gymnasium and power plant. When these buildings are completed the chemistry department alone will occupy Hanna Hall.

The beginning of this term was brightened by the prospects of good athletics. Coach Bobby Burch began football practice at the camp on the Miami River with thirty-five men before school commenced. Brother Easton is on the 'varsity and Brother Morrison has a good chance to make it. The season opened October 2 with a victory over Hanover. Professor Brodbeck is working up a strong track team. The athletic field is being made over and a new grandstand will be erected.

Two seniors, five juniors and three sophomores returned to the chapter this year. Several of our brothers accepted positions during the summer but we expect them back in the near future.

The work for our new chapter house is being earnestly carried on and before long Ohio Theta will have a home of its own.

Cincinnati, October 8, 1909.

L. M. CROSLEY.

ONTARIO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

The fall term at the University of Toronto opened September 28 and everything is now in full swing especially around the campus where the football squads are working hard. Most of last year's senior championship team are back and everyone looks forward with confidence to their defeating Queens University October 9. Brother Hume is occupying the position of middle wing this year.

The members of Ontario Alpha spent the summer in various occupations and places and a goodly number returned early in the term to start in on an enthusiastic rushing campaign. Up to date the chapter has six new men pledged and hopes in the near future to have the pleasure of introducing them to the Fraternity. The registration in some of the faculties has not been as large as usual owing to a raising of the matriculation standard but the university authorities expect to have all the freshmen that they can conveniently handle. Last spring a rule was passed by the athletic directorate which prohibits any freshman from playing on any of the senior teams. Although this prevents many likely new men from trying for places the good that the restriction is expected to do athletics around the university will far outweigh any apparent injury to the strength of the teams. During the summer several of the members stayed at the chapter house and were delighted to receive visits from the following brothers: J. S. Blickenlderfer, Ohio Alpha; W. Allen Newell, Massachusetts Alpha; A. C. Reid, Quebec Alpha; C. M. Duffield, Quebec Alpha; W. R. Perrin, Illinois Beta; J. H. Kirkpatrick, Alabama Alpha; James F. Pieper, California Beta; Wm. S. Robertson, Quebec Alpha; Allen Kennedy, Quebec Alpha; Chas. Ivey, Quebec Alpha; D. A. L. Graham, Ontario Alpha; A. K. Haywood, Ontario Alpha; A. W. Hinaman, Ohio Eta; John F. Wulff, Illinois Alpha. During the summer Brothers C. S. Acton and W. G. Shepherd, both of Ontario Alpha joined the ranks of the benedicti. Brother Acton is in business in Toronto while Brother Shepherd has gone to practice medicine in Lynn, Mass.

W. A. WILSON.

Toronto, October 8, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Lafayette has opened with one of the largest entering classes in its history. The college is making several improvements this year, including the remodeling of old South College for dormitories and classrooms and the installation of a general lighting and heating plant.

Football prospects are bright for the coming season. Over thirty men are on the squad and Coach Foolwell hopes to turn out a very strong eleven. Three This are out for the team, Brothers Crane, '13, Irving, '13, and Royer, '13. Crane has already secured a place at tackle and Irving will undoubtedly be in the lineup by the opening of the season.

The musical club under the management of Brother Royer, '10, has planned an extensive trip through New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania for the coming year.

The chapter lost six members last year, Brothers Wight, Sawyer, McMeen, Bell and DeWitt through graduation and DeMott, '11, by withdrawal to enter business. There are eleven old members back, one affiliate, Brother Smith, '13, from Lehigh, and six initiates. We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers Aaron R. Crane, '13, Chatham,

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N. J.; Arthur B. Irving, New York, N. Y.; Morris S. Evans, Bloomsburgh; Isaac C. Clarke, Tacoma Park, Washington, D. C.; E. L. Reynolds, Madison, N. J., and Edgar H. Royer, Greensburg.

Easton, October 6, 1909.

L. LONG.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Gettysburg opened on September 16 with one of the largest student bodies she has ever had. Professor A. R. Wentz, '04, has taken the place of Dr. J. O. Eojen, as the professor of English Bible in the college faculty.

Pennsylvania Beta returned with thirteen men, all of the old men returning except Brother Jacobs, '10, who has taken a position as a surveyor. As a result of the rushing season we have pledged a number of good men. We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers W. B. Krebs, '12, Hellan; R. B. Walker, '13, Meyersdale; M. B. Baker, '13, Gettysburg, and L. Riddle, '13, Roaring Springs. We have also pledged three additional men.

During the rushing season we had several smokers in the house which helped us materially. We also have had a dance which was a success in every way.

Though our football team has lost to both Pennsylvania and Bucknell we hope to end the season with a far from uncreditable record. Phikeia Weygandt is on the 'varsity and several of the brothers are working hard on the reserves.

Brother Tyson, '10, has been elected college cheer leader and his method of leading has been highly praised on all sides. Brother Humphries, '12, is assistant cheer leader. Brother Tighby, '10, has been elected manager of the combined musical clubs of the college. Though the personnel of the musical clubs has not as yet been announced, we expect to get our full share. Brother Lewis, '11, has been elected baseball manager. Brothers Tyson, Lewis and Hoshour are members of the press club, a new organization at Gettysburg, which has as its aim the correct reporting of all Gettysburg doings and to work for the good of the college in general.

The chapter has enjoyed visits from Brothers B. Philson, '09, Irvin, '09, Meisenhelder, '04, Keller, '01, and Singmaster, '05, since the opening of college. The rushing season is not yet ended and we hope to pledge several more men in the near future.

HARVEY S. HOSHOUR.

Gettysburg, October 10, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Washington and Jefferson opened her one hundred and tenth year September 22, with a freshman enrollment of 119, the largest in the history of the institution. With five men already pledged, we have very good prospects this year; their names will be published in the next SCROLL.

Our chapter lost eight men, Brothers Dithrich, Murdock, Swearingen, Woods and Dean by graduation, also Brothers Langfitt, '11, and McQuiston, '11, who entered Stanford University, and Brother McKee, '11, who entered University of Pennsylvania. Brother Stewart, '11, has not returned but expects to do so soon.

Brothers Dithrich, Swearingen and Dean are studying law at the University of Pittsburgh. Brother Murdock is teaching in Beaver Falls high school. Brother Woods was married early in the spring unknown

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S. Maxwell	Parsons	Bright	Stewart							
W. Maxwell										
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to the fellows until after school had closed. He is now in business at McDonald, Pa.

Our chapter deeply mourns the loss of Brother McElroy, '05, who died August 14, 1909, a loyal Phi who took an active part in the Fraternity while in college and up to the time of his death.

Brother Brown, '10, was appointed for the student senate by President Moffat. Brother Hugus, '10, was chosen as a representative on the athletic committee.

Our 'varsity football team has been crippled a great deal but nevertheless we expect to have a very successful season. Brothers McClelland, '10, and Cunningham, '12, are showing up well in practice. Brother Murphy, '06, is again manager of the football team this season and has arranged an excellent schedule. Brother Hayes, '95, who occupied the chair of Greek and Hebrew in this college is now teaching in McCormick Seminary at Chicago.

H. A. TAYLOR.

Washington, October 7, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

With a chapter of eighteen men, Pennsylvania Delta began the ninety-fifth year of Allegheny College's existence. Last year we had twenty-five men in the chapter but lost Brothers Parsons, Fishel, Cole, Stewart and Miner at commencement. Brother Parsons was elected to $\Phi\ B\ K$ and was awarded half of the Heckel prize in science while he and Brother Fishel were two of the honored senior six, who spoke at the commencement exercises. Brother Stidger, '10, has entered the theological seminary at Boston University and Brother Parshall, '12, has been unable to return.

More changes than usual are noted in the college faculty this year. President W. H. Crawford is spending his year of sabbatic leave in Europe, while the president's chair is occupied by Vice-President Dutton, of the engineering department. Brother C. F. Ross, head of the Latin department has returned from Europe where he spent his sabbatic year. Prof. F. C. Lockwood of the English department is now studying at Oxford University and will be in Europe during the entire year. During his absence the English work will be handled by Prof. E. S. Armstrong, who fills the place made vacant by Prof. L. R. Brown, now of the department of English in the Cleveland normal school.

We are very proud of the condition of our house and premises this year. During the summer the stable, which formerly stood back of the house, was moved to a nearby lot and in its place a four-roomed house for the matron's family was erected. This with the grading incident to it and the lengthening of our tennis court twenty feet, has added much to the appearance of the premises. Also during the summer the house proper received a new coat of paint and many interior improvements were made. Many of the rooms have been re-papered and the kitchen has a new floor. Such small, but significant improvements as these have improved the appearance of our house. The generous contributions to the chapter which Brothers Beaty, Weidler and Dalzell made when they took it upon themselves to make an elegant suite of two rooms on the first floor which have heretofore been occupied by the matron and have not been in the best of condition, is realized and appreciated by all the brothers.

Brothers W. E. Weidler, '11, and Reed Stidger, '11, represented

Pennsylvania Delta on the football team which won the first game of the season October 2 by defeating Hiram 15 to 5. Brother Weidler who is captain of baseball next year, was unanimously pronounced the star of the game. The best football team that has ever come out of Allegheny is looked for this year, despite the fact that a number of good men were lost by graduation last June. The reason for this is that E. J. Stewart, a coach having a reputation for turning out winning teams, has been secured.

We are very proud of Brother Hines, '10, who went into the Pittsburgh Athletic Association track and field meet on October 2 in citizen's dress and won the championship of the Middle Atlantic States in the discus throw and also the individual championship for making the greatest number of points in that meet. Brother Hines, who is captain of the track team, is one of the foremost athletes in Western Pennsylvania and has for over a year held the A. A. U. record in the discus for the state of Pennsylvania.

Thus far we have pledged three men: O. E. McLean, Sharon; H. J. Wieler, Wheeling, W. Va.; and F. B. Trosch, Oil City. We frequently hear from Brother "Tax" Miner, '09, who is now teaching in Roberts College at Constantinople.

THOMAS HUGHES.

Meadville, October 8, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

We are glad to introduce the following new initiates: Robt. B. Patterson, Edgar E. Reindollar, Crawford N. Kirkpatrick, William A.



PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, ACTIVE CHAPTER AND HOUSE.

Haines, John D. Holland, Luther E. Boyshore, L. E. Bubeck, and Norman Stein. Several of the boys got back early and had the house in readiness to open up business for Phi material. Rushing has not been as intense this year as in former ones, and we attribute our success partly to the fact of having had a line on our men before they entered college.

Brother Robt. E. Best of Amherst has entered the Dickinson law school, and has been affiliated with our chapter.

Football prospects at Dickinson are unusually bright this year. The team is heavier than for many years, and great expectations are indulged. We defeated Western Maryland University 5 to 0, and held the University of Pennsylvania down to the creditable score of 18 to 0. Brothers Wardrop, '10, and Boyshore, '13, are doing commendable work on the gridiron for Old Dickinson.

Among the eight members of the senior honorary society, the Ravens Claw, are Brothers Stotler and Wardrop; and on the honorary junior society, the Skull and Key, are Brothers Cleaver and Hock. Brother Stotler was also elected senior chairman and president of the Comus club, and Brother B. Patterson, '13, vice-president of his class. Brother Young, '09, entered the law school.

We acknowledge the visits of Brothers Demaree, '09, Snyder, '11, Burgy, '07, Hockman, '10, Straw, '89, Singmaster and Housman, '09. Carlisle, October 8, 1909.

HARRY K. HOCH.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA. UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The university opened September 24, but no regular classes were held until September 27. Friday morning immediately after chapel exercises, the annual "Chapel Rush" between the sophomores and freshmen took place. The freshmen won the first half of the fight, touching the door on the Huston Club, which was guarded by the sophomores, in less time than any former class. The second half of the fight was in favor of the sophomores, the freshmen being successful in tearing the clothers off the president of the second year class in a limited time. On the Thursday night previous, the Poster Fight took place, and the freshmen accomplished a victory contrary to precedent by tearing the sophomore poster off the rear door of College Hall.

While Pennsylvania has lost several of last year's 'varsity men, the prospects for a good football team this year look bright. So far this season the following teams have been met and defeated: Gettysburg, 20 to 0; Ursinus, 22 to 0; Dickinson, 17 to 0; West Virginia, 12 to 0.

A call has been issued for the cross country team, and the musical clubs are now organizing.

The following Brothers now share college honors: Brother Treat, Friars senior society; marshall at chapel fight, and cheer leader. Brother Bennett, 'varsity eight, at Poughkeepsie; captain of 'varsity crew for 1910; Φ B K junior society; business manager of combined musical clubs; executive committee of junior class. Brother Pryor, 'varsity freshman crew; *Punch Bowl* board; sophomore poster committee. Brother Lucas, scrub football team; sophomore poster committee. Brother Manier, coach of 'varsity freshmen football team. Brothers Treat, Bennett, Brown and Phikeia Pearsall are on committees in the Wharton school.

Pennsylvania Zeta has come through a very successful rushing season, and now reports twelve Phikeias.

The following brothers in college are from other institutions: Grant, Kansas; Redmond and Snyder, Cornell; Altman, Williams, McKee, Washington and Jefferson; Hemingway, Lafayette; and Hunter, North Carolina.

B. F. ELY.

Philadelphia, October 11, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Lehigh opened her forty-fourth collegiate year September 22, with an enrollment of 700 students, and of this number 200 were freshmen. The students on their return are aware of many improvements about the college, especially on the campus. Also they note with no small degree of satisfaction that work has commenced on the new testing laboratory given to the university by John Fritz of Bethlehem. The laboratory is to contain some of the finest testing machines of their kind in the country, also apparatus to be used in the courses on hydraulics and cement and concrete.

Pennsylvania Eta was very fortunate this year in returning with twelve men of last year's chapter. Also Brother Walker of Alabama Alpha has affiliated with us. So far this fall we have succeeded in pledging three excellent men, all members of the freshmen class.

The football team this fall, while rather slow in developing, is made up of experienced men, nine of whom played on the 'varsity team last fall. The freshman class also contains some very good football material, and with "By" Dickson as coach, Lehigh men are in hopes of seeing last year's victory over Lafayette duplicated.

South Bethlehem, October 10, 1909.

FRANK S. BORDEN.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA, PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

The college year opened September 15 with the registration higher than ever before in the history of the institution. There are now enrolled in the neighborhood of 1300 students. Along with this large number of students has come many improvements about the college. The new chemistry annex has been built, and much new apparatus has been installed in all the other departments. With all these improvements and the large registration, this year should be a record breaker in the history of Old State.

Our football team is showing wonderful form for so early in the season, and there is a wealth of new material along with the old, from which to pick a winning team. Of course the team feels the loss of such men as Brothers Ballou and Cyphers, so with "Big Bill" as head coach and Larry Vorhis as captain, we surely will have the best team ever.

Brother Howarth, captain of the track team is working hard to get his team in shape.

The push ball contest between the freshmen and sophomore classes, which has been substituted for the old picture scrap, will take place next week. This is the first time for this scrap and the result is eagerly awaited by all the students.

In our rushing this year we have been exceptionally successful. Much of our success is due to the aid given us by our alumni and brothers from other chapters and we most sincerely thank them for all they have done.

We introduce to the Fraternity Brothers Louis A. Cuthbert, '11,

Ridgeway; Robert G. Guthrie, '11, Oil City; H. C. Dawson, '12, Wooster, Ohio; Wm. W. Van Alen, '13, Northumberland; Harry B. Weston, '13, Du Boise; Everett G. Short, '13, Buffalo, N. Y.; Donald R. Fiske, '13, Philadelphia; Henry H. Kirkpatrick, '13, Chatham, N. Y.; W. H. Patterson, Jr., '13, Clearfield; Donald P. Trotter, '13, Warberth. We have also with us J. M. McCleary, of Pennsylvania Eta and Raymond Wilcox of Michigan Alpha, who will affiliate with us in the near future.

The chapter as a whole is in better condition than it has ever been before and we look forward with great hopes for the future.

State College, October 17, 1909.

K. B. SLEPPY.

QUEBEC ALPHA, MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

Quebec Alpha returned to college this fall stronger than ever before in its history. By October 1, registration day, we had twenty-two of last year's chapter back and in the thick of the rushing game. At present we are glad to report six Phikeias and by the next issue of *THE SCROLL* we hope to have some additions to make.

The freshman registration in arts and medicine is somewhat larger than usual, while the number in science, contrary to expectation, is considerably smaller than last year, being only 120.

Among changes on the staff, the most important was Professor Cox's resignation from the chair of physics to take up research work at Manchester University, England. He is succeeded by Professor Barnes who was previously under him.

From a large and promising football squad which is in the hands of graduate coaches, we hope to pick a team that will land the championship for McGill. Although we have had only one week's practice we count on winning the first game from Ottawa College. Brothers Masson, Duffield and Lumsden have been out with the squad. Brother Vaughan Black, last year's captain, who is out of the game with a bad shoulder, is greatly missed.

The two greatest honors in college have been given to Brothers Robertson and Black, the former being elected president of the students council, while the latter, who was elected president of the football club, has been made president of the Canadian intercollegiate rugby union, an honor which seldom falls to an undergraduate. Brother Charles Drysdale has been awarded a scholarship at Yale.

Last April we lost by graduation Brothers Byrne, Dion, Drysdale, Kennedy and Smith, all in science. Brother Holgate has dropped out for a year, while Brother Raymond who was out of college last year has returned to the active chapter. Our '09 graduates are located as follows: Brother Byrne, Ottawa, Ont.; Brother Dion, resident engineer at Chandier Dam; Brother Drysdale, at Yale University; Brother Kennedy, Western Canada River Co., British Columbia; Brother Smith, Lewis & Co., contractors, Milwaukee, Wis.

During the first week of college we were very glad to have Brother E. A. Robinson of Amherst, '10, with us.

Montreal, October 8, 1909.

A. C. REID.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA, BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Brown opened September 22. On the site of the old College Street house which stood at the corner of College and Prospects Streets, and was formerly the home of the president of the university, the John



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Hay Library is fast growing. Since the laying of the corner stone last spring the work has gone on until now the first story of the imposing marble structure is finished.

Although but two games have been played by the football team, it is easy to see that Brown will be represented by a strong team. Brown's first game with Rhode Island Agricultural College resulted in a victory by a score of 6 to 0, while Brown was also victorious in her second game with Colgate with a score of 14 to 0. Rhode Island Alpha is represented by Brother Regnier, captain and end, and by Brothers High and Jarvis.

We have been visited this fall by Brother Behlow, California Beta, who is now attending Harvard medical school.

We lost five seniors by graduation last spring and also two brothers who were unable to return this year, Brothers Bates, '12, and Larkin, '12. Brother Norton has returned to college after a year's absence.

The new fraternity rushing agreement which the five Brown chapters of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, $\Psi\Tau$, $A\Delta\Phi$, $\Delta\Tau$, $\Delta K E$ entered into has so far proved a perfect success. The agreement is that no rushing shall be done until a day set in the second term of the college year. In order to keep the freshmen from pledging to fraternities not in the agreement, both the president and dean of the college have spoken to the class and also at the Y. M. C. A. reception to the freshmen and circulars were given out explaining the agreement. But few pledge buttons have been seen.

This year, on account of the fact that the entrance requirements have been raised, the entering class is slightly smaller than usual.

We congratulate Brother Raymond Tift on his recent marriage.
Providence, October 4, 1909. Seward T. JARVIS.

SOUTH DAKOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

The university opened September 16 under most auspicious circumstances. The registration is much increased and is of a class of which the institution is proud. Among other improvements, the university has a large new building which is to contain a new heating and power plant and shops for the college of engineering. There is also being erected a large water tower which is to furnish fire protection. The new library will probably not be started until next spring.

South Dakota Alpha has shared in the good fortune of the school and the chapter has been strengthened with eight new men. We look forward to an excellent year and hope to receive many Phis.

The first football game of the season was played October 2 with Nebraska. The score was 6 to 6. Brother Ghrist and Phikeia Felber represented the chapter. While at Lincoln they visited Nebraska Alpha and reported a most delightful entertainment.

Vermillion, October 7, 1909. HAROLD W. MITCHELL.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

It gives Tennessee Alpha great pleasure at this writing to introduce to the Fraternity the following new brothers: Davis Plummer, Marianna, Ark.; Richard Bowron, Birmingham, Ala.; Thomas Street, Cadiz, Ky.; Ed. Buford, Bruce Douglas, Beverly Douglas and Joe West, all of Nashville. Our spiking season has, as a whole, been very successful this season and although we suffered one or two setbacks we have met with a success with which we are well satisfied.

Our university seemed to be a little slow in opening this year. The old men were slower in returning and the new ones came later than usual. Now, however, the roll is full and according to authorities is larger than ever before, comprising 1000 men in all the departments.

The football prospects are very encouraging. Two games have been won by very large scores and in each the team showed up remarkably well. Brother Morton B. Adams stands a good show to make a half. Brother Baxter Jackson is assistant business manager. Brothers Henry, Hall, Pride and Bowron are playing on the reserves.

Brother Baxter Jackson was elected president of the glee club and Brother Harvey Pride is secretary-treasurer and a soloist. We have two other brothers on the club—Douglas Henry and John Archer. Brother Ed Buford was elected president of the freshman class and Brother Will Anderson president of the junior class.

We consider that the matter of a new house that has for some time been a topic of absorbing interest with us has at last been settled and we expect to be able very soon to tell our brothers of its building.

Nashville, October 7, 1909.

W.M. M. ANDERSON, JR.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

On September 16 the university opened its doors and nine brothers have returned. The freshman class is smaller than usual, due to the fact that the university has suffered severe losses among its faculty. Tennessee Beta expects to make its usual good showing in every line this year, but owing to the Pan-Hellenic regulation prohibiting the pledging of new students until five months after entrance, initiations will be delayed that length of time.

Brother Faulkenberry, all-southern tackle for 1907-1908, is holding down his position on the 'varsity football team again this year and Brothers Russell, Stone, Gillespie and Feild are out on the squad. Sewanee's football schedule for 1909 includes games with Princeton, Louisiana State, Auburn and Vanderbilt but nevertheless we hope at least to hold our own. This year marks the commencement here of the alumni system of coaching.

The contract has been let and work recommenced on our new stone chapter house. As a result the local chapter is animated with fraternity spirit and enthusiasm.

The glee club has been reorganized and Brothers Beckwith, Mitchell and Lockhart are members. The chapter has received visits recently from three alumni, Brothers Louis Porcher Brooks, Ephraim Kirby Smith and Gus Wheeler and their visits were greatly enjoyed. We are always glad to welcome any alumni.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother John Howard Baskette, Jr., '12, of Helena, Ark.

E. A. MARSHALL, JR.

Sewanee, October 5, 1909.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

The University of Texas opened September 22 to what promises to be the largest attendance in its history. The registration for the first four days exceeded by forty-seven that of the same time last year, coming to 1359 at Austin.

Texas Beta starts the year with a very strong chapter, having returned twenty-one and receiving three affiliates from Texas Gamma.

There are now on its roll six seniors, ten juniors and eight sophomores. The pledging of new men began with a rush and Texas Beta feels very much pleased with her nine Phikeias.

Athletics in the university look very hopeful this year. With a splendid coach, Dr. D. W. Draper, all-American tackle in '07 and '08, and over one hundred men trying for the team, football prospects were never better. There seems to be much material and great interest shown in all branches of athletics this season.

In keeping with the needs of the school, a number of important additions have been made to the faculty and new departments are being contemplated. President Mezes has announced that permanent building plans for five million dollars of new buildings and a much larger campus will soon be adopted. Everything seems to point the way for a remarkable growth of the University of Texas within the next few years.

Austin, September 28, 1909.

ROBERT R. PENN.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Despite the fact that crops are short and financial conditions are stringent throughout Texas this year Southwestern opened with the largest attendance she has ever had. The enrollment shows an increase of about 100 students over last year. Only a few changes have been made in the faculty. Prof. J. H. McGinnis has been elected to fill the vacancy left in the English department by Prof. D. H. Miles who has accepted a fellowship in Columbia University. Prof. A. S. Pegues has been chosen as manager of Mood Hall, the men's dormitory, for the ensuing year. There is also a new face in the faculty that is especially welcomed by $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, Dr. Seay, from Alabama, who will assist in the theological department. He became a member of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in Alabama and is the true type of a genuine fraternity man.

The prospects for Texas Gamma were never brighter than they are this year. We returned seventeen strong and every one seems to be here not only to benefit himself, but to maintain the standard of the Fraternity as well. Our rushing season so far has turned out splendidly and we introduce to the Fraternity Brothers R. L. Kurth, '11, and E. M. Westbrook, '13, who were initiated October 2. Also we are pleased to have with us two Phikeias.

Brother Snipes has been elected captain of the football team to take the place of Brother Hearne who will not return. Brother Vaughan will also probably play an end on the team. We have played only one game so far this year; that we lost to Peacock's Military Academy of San Antonio by a score of 11 to 6. However, under the excellent coaching of Mr. P. H. Arbuckle of Chicago, we hope to develop a team that will defeat the University of Texas October 9. We accomplished this feat last year, and were the only school in the state to win that distinction.

In a recent meeting of the students association Brother R. L. Brewer was elected business manager of the *Megaphone*, our college weekly. Brother Hawkins is also president of the association.

Of the five men in last year's chapter who did not return Brothers T. H. Cody and J. L. Lipscomb are studying law at the University of Texas. Brother Wheeler, '08, is also among the law students at Texas. Brother W. N. Lipscomb has entered the State Medical University at Galveston.

Phikeia J. M. Richardson pledged at Texas but unable to enter there on account of certain entrance requirements will be with us until Christmas at least when he will probably return to the state university.

Georgetown, October 6, 1909.

CHAS. T. STONE.

Vermont Alpha, University of Vermont.

The college opened September 29 with a good sized freshman class. Since then the fraternities have been very much occupied with the rushing season. Vermont Alpha has been extremely successful in securing some of the very best men in the entering class. Thus far we have pledged four freshmen and one junior.

The Phis are well represented in football this fall. Brother Comings, '10, is manager of the team, Brother Welch, '10, is 'varsity tackle and Phikeia Torrance, '13, is 'varsity centre, while Brother Waterman, '12, and Phikeia Lally, '13, are on the squad. We have already played Dartmouth a 0 to 0 game which would seem to forecast an excellent season.

The annual cane rush and tug of war between the freshman and sophomore classes took place October 2. The freshmen were victorious in the rush, while the sophs carried off the honors in the other event.

Brother Rockwood S. Brown, '10, now a student in the law department of the University of Michigan, was a recent visitor at the chapter house. Brother Hunt, '10, and Brother Abbott, '12, expect to enter the medical department here in November. Brother Barton, '08, has accepted a position as instructor in electrical engineering at the university. Brother Wilson, '09, is in the city, having taken a position with the Burlington city water works. Brother Wilson's work will be in connection with the filtration plant. Brother Appleton, '07, spent a few days with us recently.

Since our last letter to THE SCROLL we have received news of the death in Schenectady, N. Y., of Brother N. A. Towne, a member of Vermont Alpha and a graduate of the university in the class of 1905. Brother Towne was very popular while in college and has always been a loyal Phi. He was a native of Morrisville, Vt., and received his preparatory school diploma from People's Academy in that village. While in college he pursued the electrical engineering course. Shortly after his graduation he went to Dublin, N. H., where he installed the Dublin electrical plant. He next settled in Boston, where he was located until last spring when he removed to Schenectady to take a position with the General Electrical Co. It was while engaged in testing one of their large machines that he was killed by the machine short circuiting. Vermont Alpha, while mourning the loss of a brother, extends to his widow our sincerest sympathy.

GEORGE P. TUTTLE, JR.

Burlington, October 7, 1909.

Virginia Beta, University of Virginia.

On September 16 the University of Virginia opened with the largest enrollment in its history. This increase in attendance was an agreeable surprise to the authorities as it was thought that the higher standard of entrance examinations and the lengthening of the law course from a two to a three year course would tend to decrease the attendance this year to a considerable extent.

The new "scrub" athletic field has been completed and work has been begun on the new law building.

Our chapter is now comfortably situated in the large and conveniently located house which we have rented, and we have recently had the pleasure of visits from Brothers E. W. Kelly, province president, T. D. Sloan, '09, and H. P. Goodwin. The last named was here to stand some special exams that stood between him and the coveted B. L., and the chapter rejoiced with him when he successfully passed these and received the degree. However, we all regretted greatly to see him leave for his far western home in Los Angeles, for from the day of his initiation in 1907 he has shown unbounded energy for the welfare of Virginia Beta and there could hardly be a more loyal Phi.

We have been very successful in getting the very best "goats" this fall and take pleasure in reporting to the Fraternity five pledges whom we shall initiate within the next two or three weeks. The rushing season is not yet over and there are one or two more good men whom we expect to land.

We have affiliated Brothers P. K. Gravely and A. H. Martin, Jr., of Virginia Gamma and John Barnwell of Tennessee Beta.

Quite a number of our members were chosen in the fall elections to the academic, legal, medical and scholarship fraternities, ribbon societies, etc.

Brothers Dick Taylor and M. K. Harris and Phikeia Lemen have played in a majority of the football games played thus far.

We wish to thank our alumni and other This who wrote us concerning new men and we extend to them and to all visiting This a hearty welcome.

BODLEY BOOKER.

University, October 9, 1909.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

The year 1909-10 opened for Virginia Gamma with a flourish. New apartments were ready for us upon our return to Randolph-Macon. This had been the chief concern of the chapter for years, and we are glad to be able to announce to our alumni (thanks to liberal co-operation and contributions) that Virginia Gamma is now comfortably situated. Because of the limited number of students, the faculty has not deemed it advisable to permit the fraternities to have their own houses, but quite a concession was made when permission was given to erect or rent apartments to serve as a combination meeting and lounging place. The new $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ house at this college consists of a reception hall, furnished in mission with green and red trimmings, a guest chamber, a small den and banquet hall and a large well arranged meeting room. It is hardly worth while to say that this house is the pride of the chapter members; and we are constrained to feel somehow that it has helped to establish us here a little more firmly. It, at least, marks the beginning of a new era in fraternity life at this college.

Our "goating," which took place September 25, was altogether propitious. We passed four new men down the line during several of the wee hours and then mollified by feeding them according to the choicest restauranteur of the town. We take a little more than usual pleasure in introducing to the Phi world Brothers C. Claude Carroll, Jesse V. Reed, W. L. Robinson, Jr., and G. Boyd Tyler, all of the class of 1913. Our active chapter now numbers eleven and the year should make for success. Brother H. V. Bounds is again at his post as instructor in Latin, while B. T. Tatem is English instructor. Brother L. L. Gravely was



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recently made manager of the annual, *The Yellow Jacket*, and was also elected as debater against Wake Forest College in November. Brother R. W. Marye is an assistant to Brother John C. Simpson, the manager of the monthly. Brothers Simpson and C. Claude Carroll are on the football squad, and Brother Gravely is leading the side-line choir. Randolph-Macon has played two games this season to date, one with the Richmond Howitzers and one with Richmond College, both games resulting in no score for either side. In the former balance was pretty well maintained, but in the latter Randolph-Macon showed superior to the Richmond College eleven.

The college now numbers 140 matriculates, an increase over last year's enrollment. The faculty has undergone no change. Since last commencement the town improvement company has been busy grading the main avenue and putting down concrete walks and curbing.

Among those who have visited the chapter this year are Brothers Francis W. Upshur, M. D., M. K. Harris, Monk Weisiger, M. D., L. J. Martin, and Emerson W. Kelly, province president. In this connection we wish to say that our new apartments make it possible for us to house visiting Phis comfortably and we would be glad to have any and all coming this way stop over and enjoy with us the pleasures of companionship and brotherhood.

B. T. TATEM.

Ashland, October 11, 1909.

VIRGINIA ZETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Washington and Lee University commenced its annual session September 16 with an enrollment of nearly 600 students, a larger number than ever before, and it is predicted that these figures will be increased to 650 before the end of the year. Through the untiring efforts of President Denny a handsome addition to Newcomb Hall, the executive building, is being constructed, and work will commence in a short time on a new gymnasium which will be one of the finest in the South.

Virginia Zeta has at last attained its ambition to be in a house and is now occupying a commodious dwelling accommodating 17 of the chapter. It has proved an invaluable asset to $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in rushing men this year and we have been fortunate enough to initiate the following men this fall: Alexander R. Dearborn, Birmingham, Ala.; Charles A. Nolan, Birmingham, Ala.; J. P. Thornton, Pensacola, Fla.; J. Thomas Watson, Tampa, Fla.; Lawrence A. Steele, Brownsville, Pa. We have also affiliated Brother Henry P. Baldwin from Georgia Delta and Brother N. D. Smithson, who graduated here in 1907, has returned, giving the chapter a total enrollment of eighteen.

Washington and Lee opened its football season here October 2 with Roanoke College, handily winning by the score of 24 to 0. The remainder of the schedule includes games with Davidson, North Carolina, V. P. I., A. and M. of North Carolina and Georgetown. Practically the whole 1908 team is back, strengthened additionally by several of the best men who played in 1907, but who were unable to play last year. The eleven is under the leadership of Izard, K Σ , as captain, and Coach Pfeiffer of Princeton.

$\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is well represented as usual in all phases of college life. Brother Whip has made $\Phi\Delta\Phi$, giving us four men in that organization, and Brother Coke recently became a member of the cotillion club. Brother Dearborn is secretary of the freshman class and we are rep-

resented on the student executive committee by Brothers Glasgow, '12, and Thornton, '13. Brother Thach was elected secretary and treasurer of the senior class, Brother Glasgow has been appointed cheer leader and Brother Smithson has received an assistantship in English.

We recently enjoyed the pleasure of a visit from Brother E. W. Kelly, our province president, and Brother T. D. Sloan, of Virginia Beta, formerly of this chapter. Brother J. T. Lykes, who graduated last year, was with us a few days at the opening. Virginia Zeta desires to thank the alumni of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ who were so kind as to recommend men for the Fraternity this fall.

ROBT. G. THACH.

Lexington, October 9, 1909.

WASHINGTON ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

Beginning three weeks late registration started at the University of Washington today. The A. Y. P. Exposition does not close for two weeks, therefore it will be impossible to do a great deal with the increased attendance until the university takes possession of the new buildings now in use by the exposition. The fair has proved a grand success in every sense of the word; not only has it benefited Seattle and the university but the entire Northwest as well.

Washington Alpha is very lucky in having nearly all of the old men back; besides we are glad to welcome Brother Thompson of Indiana Zeta who will enter as a senior law. The chapter takes pleasure in reporting four Phikeias.

The prospects for football at Washington are very bright; although college opened October 4 practice started September 20. Washington Alpha is represented by Brothers Tegtmeier, captain, Mucklestone, Diether, Eakens, Coyle, W. Wand and Phikeias Smith and T. Wand. The football schedule includes a post season game with the University of Southern California to be played in Los Angeles.

The chapter house has been painted both inside and out and with the addition of new furniture makes a very attractive appearance. To open the season Washington Alpha will give a smoker to the alumni in the chapter house Friday, October 8.

WALTER WAND.

Seattle, October 4, 1909.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Although somewhat disappointed in the number of old men who have returned this year, the number and quality of our pledges promise to keep us from dropping behind. Seventeen of the old men are back and our pledges now at Madison number eleven. Also we are glad to welcome Brother Mitchell, an affiliate from Westminster College.

Many of the old men were with us to start the year. Among these were Brothers Hatley, Pardee, Worth and Doane. Brother Wall of Syracuse, who came as an official at the Wisconsin-Lawrence game, had a brief visit with us. Also by the use of combined moral suasion and force, Brother Jimmie Haldeman was induced to spend a night at the chapter house. This is a distinction, we think, which few chapters can claim.

Last spring there was an agitation among the faculty and regents of the university looking toward an investigation of fraternities. The idea of this investigation was to determine the tendency of fraternities to sustain an aristocracy at Madison. No manifestation of activity in this

direction has been made as yet, but we learn from Brother Westermann, one of our *fratres in facultate* that the matter has not been dropped. The possibility in the minds of the investigators is of course the abolition of fraternities in the university. Just what means are to be used we do not know, but as yet we can see no cause for alarm.

Madison, October 10, 1909.

BENJ. S. BEECHER.

ALUMNI CLUBS.

WASHINGTON.

Probably no alumni club meets with greater regularity than the Washington club, and certainly the members of no other have a better time when they get together. Smokers are held at the University Club monthly from October to May, and the meetings are very enjoyable. There are many alumni in the capital city, and a delightful feature of the meetings is that you meet representatives of many widely scattered chapters. The attendance was good at the first smoker of this season on October 19.

Among those present were: G. M. Rommel, Iowa Wesleyan, '97, catalogue editor; I. R. Hitt, Northwestern, '88, former T. G. C.; Dr. K. C. Corley, Iowa Wesleyan, '96, and F. H. Austin, Missouri, '80, all of whom had much to do with the entertainment of the national convention held here in 1906; A. R. Dyer, Lawrence, '59, who never fails to speak for the restoration of his old chapter; H. L. Watson, Richmond, '91, former alumni commissioner, now a resident of Richmond, Va., who was visiting the city, and Rev. J. Henning Nelms, Richmond, '80, rector of the Church of the Ascension here, who has recently declined a flattering offer from the vestry of St. Paul's at Lynchburg to become rector of that church. Our parson brother, by the way, is a delightful entertainer at a social gathering as well as an eloquent pulpit orator.

This year the club will greatly miss two very popular members—its former president, W. N. Compton, Alabama, '88, who has moved to New York City, to become manager of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., and R. N. Somerville, Jr., Mississippi, '07, a very enthusiastic Phi, well remembered by all convention goers, who has returned to Mississippi to begin practicing law. C. N. Bennett, Emory, '88, manager of the Congressional Information Bureau, advertised in THE SCROLL, has lectured on the Panama Canal before Chautauquas during the summer. His lecture is illustrated with motion pictures, and he has ready a new lecture on "The Call of the South," which he will deliver first at Jacksonville, Fla. A new acquisition to the list of Phis holding prominent places in the official life of the capital is R. E. Cabell, Roanoke, '97, recently appointed commissioner of internal revenue.

Preparatory to issuing a new pamphlet of Phis in the city, the secretary of the club has been directed to request all chapters, alumni clubs and general officers to send to him the names of members who are known to have come to Washington within the last few years. The secretary is R. J. Williams, Knox, '97, his address being The Champlain, Washington, D. C.

WALTER B. PALMER.

October 20, 1909.

CHICAGO.

Another novel function of the Chicago Alumni Club has proven worthy of perpetuity as an annual affair. On Saturday, October 16, directly after the Illinois-Chicago football game at Marshall Field, forty-four Phis adjourned to the Union Restaurant for an informal dinner.

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The occasion was designed to permit the active chapters of Illinois, Chicago and Northwestern to become more intimately acquainted and to meet the alumni of the city. The success of the affair has led to the suggestion of a similar party on the evening of the Chicago-Wisconsin game November 20. Northwestern took the honors for the largest undergraduate attendance with fourteen representatives and Dartmouth had the largest alumni showing.

GEORGE E. LISCOMB.

October 20, 1909.

DES MOINES.

Attended by forty members of the Fraternity the second annual banquet and reunion of the Central Iowa Alumni Club of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ was held in the Grant Club at Des Moines Wednesday evening, September 1.

The banquet was most highly successful. It surpassed the first function given a year ago in point of numbers, enthusiasm and the excellence of the program. The organization imported Brother William Mather Lewis, Illinois Delta, '00, principal of Lake Forest Academy, to speak before the club. He ably filled the place as principal orator on the toast program and so good was his speech that many of those present expressed the belief that it should be printed in THE SCROLL.

Extensive preparations for the reunion were made by Brother Robert W. Bailey, Wisconsin Alpha, '07, who sent out attractive postal cards early in the summer and followed with urgent reminders the week before the function. Other means of reaching the 200 or more members of the Fraternity in the state were employed and as the banquet is held in state fair week the attendance was much larger than at any similar Greek-letter function ever held in Iowa.

Besides Brother Lewis, Brother George M. Rommel, Iowa Alpha, '97, catalogue editor, made a strong and stirring toast on "Expansion." As Brother Rommel is now in the government service and has visited a large number of chapters his remarks were listened to with special interest. Brother Gardner Cowles, Iowa Alpha, '82, owner of the *Register and Leader* and *Evening Tribune* in Des Moines also spoke.

Brother Robert Bailey of Des Moines was re-elected president of the club. Among those present were the following: Brothers William M. Lewis, Robert W. Bailey, Oliver B. Wyman, Herbert Wyman, Carl Harris, A. M. Linn, Gardner Cowles, John F. Riggs, state superintendent of public instruction, George M. Rommel, Charles Leech, William H. Zaiser, J. Clarkson Miller, T. Stafford, Bernard V. Murphy, J. P. Blood, Crawford, C. C. Denio, Wendell Patterson, Dale Carrell, Allen Rader, Leigh L. Williams, Strickler, Marcus Lombard, H. M. Harwood, Louis Roddewig, and Edward Barrick.

H. M. HARWOOD.

September 10, 1909.

KANSAS CITY.

The most successful rushing dinner ever held in Kansas City was given September 3 at the University Club. There were fifty Phis present and twelve young men who are to enter college this fall. Phis from the following colleges and universities were present: Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. Besides these state universities there were present members from Hillsdale, Gettysburg, Brown, Center, Illinois Wesleyan, and Vanderbilt.

The guests present intend to enter Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas and Missouri. The Kansas City Alumni Club heartily recommended that these young men be taken into the folds of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ and letters of recommendation will be sent to the various colleges.

It was intended to have present with us Generals Funston and Russell of Fort Leavenworth, Kan., C. F. Lamkin, H. G. C., and Judge John F. Phillips of Kansas City. We were very much disappointed in having only General Russel present but he in a great measure compensated for the absence of the other distinguished guests. Brother Russel was graduated from Missouri in 1882 and gave us a very entertaining and instructive talk of his experience with Phis since leaving college. I am sure that the guests present after hearing his talk will be sorry to join any other fraternity than $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.

Brother Thos. Ridge of Missouri Alpha, a classmate of Brother Russel, was the toastmaster and ably filled the position. Short talks were made by Brothers E. H. Jones, Tennessee Alpha, R. J. DeLano, Kansas Alpha, George D. Beardsley, Illinois Eta, W. A. Jones, Illinois Epsilon, H. P. Grider, Kentucky Alpha, and F. H. Ellis, Kansas Alpha.

September 5, 1909.

F. R. COWLES.

PITTSBURG.

We always do enjoy our smokers, and the brothers have come to look forward to them with keen pleasure, but the one we held on the night of October 8 for Brother Hugh Jennings of the Detroit "Americans" was in a class all by itself.

We gathered in the Dutch Room of the Fort Pitt Hotel and there introduced Brother Jennings to a real Pittsburg reception, and in turn met a brother we are all proud of, notwithstanding the fact that in baseball he is of "another persuasion."

He has never gotten over his keen enthusiasm for the old Fraternity. He told us of his hopes and aims when in the active chapter, and how he cherished the thought of his college life then, and the pleasure he took in meeting with the brothers now. It was a treat to meet him and one we will not soon forget, and we know he enjoyed it, for he brought us pleasure.

The prospects for the Pittsburg Alumni Club this winter are very bright, we long ago passed the two hundred mark in membership, and have added many new names this fall.

Our Brother Lindsay sits in weekly session at the Hotel Henry, and greets the Brothers as they meet with him on Friday noons.

Visiting Phis will always find a warm welcome waiting them there and we hope they will not fail to avail themselves of this chance of meeting the Pittsburg Phis.

WILLIAM R. MAIN.

October 12, 1909.

SEATTLE.

After a busy summer in which time has been at a premium, due to the demand made upon it by the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition attractions and our attending friends, the Seattle Alumni Club has again taken up the system of meeting at luncheon each Saturday noon. The first meeting took place October 2 with an attendance requiring several additions to a long table already set for twenty-five men at the Hotel Seattle grill. At that meeting it was decided to hold there the regular Saturday luncheons.

Dean Arthur R. Priest of the University of Washington, former president of Kappa Province, found it necessary to resign, by reason of the pressure of work and Brother Loren Grinstead was elected by the general council to succeed him. Brother Grinstead's promotion occasioned his resignation as secretary of the alumni club, and to succeed

him the club elected Brother W. W. Phillips, of 715 New York Block, Seattle, for the ensuing year.

An excellent attendance was on hand at luncheon Saturday, October 9, when committees as follows were appointed: on smokers, Brothers Chamberlain, Bogle and Hardman; on luncheons, Brothers Wills, Hillman and Treen.

The coming winter promises splendid co-operation, supported by enthusiasm, on the part of Seattle Phis.

W. W. PHILLIPS.

October 11, 1909.

PERSONAL

All readers of THE SCROLL are requested to forward personals about alumni. Reporters are urged to forward them with every chapter letter, but on separate sheets. A favor will be conferred on the Editor by writing them in the form in which such items appear below.

Please write all proper names very clearly.

Clippings should bear the names and dates of the papers from which they have been cut.

A particular request is made for information about members who have recently died, including more especially the date and place of death.

Emory—C. T. Stovall, Jr., '08, is located at Vienna, Ga.

Minnesota—George R. Mueller, '07, died in July, 1909.

Illinois—A. T. Claycomb, '09, is located at Wildorado, Texas.

Dickinson—Dean Hoffman, '02, is with the Philadelphia *Press*.

Brown—Raymond Tift, '07, is attending Harvard Law School.

Brown—Hubert R. Ede, '09, is working on the New Bedford *Standard*.

Cincinnati—Charles T. Perin, Jr., is practicing medicine at Gary, W. Va.

Brown—Benson R. Frost, '08, has removed from Rhinebeck to Le Roy, N. Y.

Case—Edward K. Bacon, '07, is with the Globe Steel Co., Mansfield, Ohio.

Westminster—C. B. Allen, '09, has entered a pharmacy school in St. Louis.

Brown—Albert Leach, '09, is a member of the faculty of Brown University.

Kansas—Earle D. Grant, '12, has entered the University of Pennsylvania.

Idaho—Jessie L. Rains, '01, is a practicing physician in Pendleton, Ore.

Wooster—John N. Leonard, '85, is pastor of a Presbyterian church at Pratt, Kan.

Brown—Robert H. Whitmarsh, '09, is attending a medical school in New York.

Kentucky—A. Browne Whitlow, '05, is manager of Hotel Whitlow, Guthrie, Ky.

Brown—William E. Mitchell, '09, is in the war department at Washington, D. C.

Westminster—Robert S. McKee, '08, has entered Princeton Theological Seminary.

Westminster—Homer P. Mitchell, '98, is in the Santa Fe offices at Topeka, Kan.

Miami—Arthur A. Burkhart, '07, is proprietor of the Tabard Inn, Oxford, Ohio.

Iowa—L. A. Birk, '01, is with the Freeman Vacuum Water Lift, Boulder, Colo.

Ohio Wesleyan—J. E. Breese, '02, has removed from Lima, Ohio, to Phoenix, Ariz.

Kansas—Will C. Perry, '09, is with the Central Coal and Coke Co., Pittsburg, Kan.

Southwestern—Ben W. Hearne, '10, is located at 30 Hodges Street, Palestine, Texas.

Michigan—Will G. Moore, '05, is located at 37 Rue St. Catharine, Bruges, Belgium.

Tulane—Robert Robinson, '06, is secretary of C. W. Robinson Lumber Co., New Orleans.

Wisconsin—H. J. Blakeley, '00, died June 28, 1909, at 644 Jefferson Street, Milwaukee.

Kansas—Marlin Poindexter, '09, is engaged in insurance work in Kansas City, Kan.

Idaho—Halsey Orland, '03, is in the hardware firm of Collins & Orland, Moscow, Ida.

Wooster—Albert Greer Greenlee, '85, died at his home in Lincoln, Neb., June 30, 1909.

Westminster—Hugh B. Pankey, '09, entered Princeton this fall for post graduate work.

Stanford—William W. Behlow, '07, is now located at 22 Peterboro Street, Boston, Mass.

Purdue—A. H. Warsham, '08, is superintendent of the Sealed Case Co. at Gilmerton, Va.

Kentucky—James S. Watson, '08, has removed from High Bridge, Ky., to Ambridge, Pa.

Westminster—Tureman Marquess, '08, is conducting a chicken ranch at Carlsbad, N. Mex.

Kansas—Arthur F. Riddle, '08, is editor of the Minneapolis *Messenger*, Minneapolis, Kan.

Lombard—James Hoppin McConnell, '72, died September 15, 1909, at his home in Chicago.

Allegheny—Walter W. Case, '84, is located at Chandler Heights, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Ohio—Floyd E. Coultrap, '04, is resident chief physician of the Toledo Hospital, Toledo, Ohio.

Pennsylvania—C. S. Potts, '85, is practicing medicine at 1728 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Minnesota—George S. Louden, '09, and Robert B. Weitbrecht, '09, are located at Trumbull, Ida.

Sewanee—A. Alexis Stone, '07, is football coach at Columbia Military Academy, Columbia, Tenn.

Idaho—J. Ross Good, '07, is associated with his father in the Good Real Estate Co., at Boise, Ida.

Pennsylvania—W. K. Hardt, '05, is assistant cashier of the Fourth National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.

Tulane—John Taylor Chambers, '06, is assistant superintendent of the Purification Plants, New Orleans.

Brown—Jarvis H. Alger, '09, has accepted a position with the United States Aluminum Co. in Pittsburg.

Stanford—Charles M. Kellogg, '02, is a member of the law firm of Kellogg & Kellogg, Emporia, Kan.

South Dakota—Royal Johnson, '07, has announced his candidacy for the office of state's attorney-general.

Ohio—Don D. Tullis, '98, is pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute, Ind.

Iowa—Leigh L. Williams, '07, is a member of the law firm of Williams & Williams, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Butler—George P. Guffin, '06, formerly of Indianapolis, is now located at 207 Reynolds Building, Gary, Ind.

Illinois—Hiram B. Ferris, '94, is treasurer of the Spokane and Inland Empire Railroad Co., Spokane, Wash.

Williams—Ralph M. Ketcham, '05, is practicing law in Indianapolis, with offices at 1008 Odd Fellow Building.

Westminster—Lynn B. Newsom, '11, has entered the employ of Blanke-Wenneker Candy Co., of St. Louis.

Franklin—H. E. Tincher, '03, is practicing law in Louisville, Ky., with offices in the Louisville Trust Building.

Ohio—Orren L. Pugh, '11, has secured a position as chemist with the American Creosoting Works, Shreveport, La.

Westminster—Cleves S. Fisher, '10, is connected with the firm of Fisher & Co., real estate agents in St. Louis, Mo.

Central—James M. Baines, '09, is with the Continental Tobacco Co., Broadway and Eighteenth Streets, Louisville, Ky.

Columbia—Eugene Pitou, Jr., '04, is a civil engineer and landscape architect with offices at 229 Broadway, New York.

Iowa Wesleyan—F. S. Bridger, '09, is a member of the firm of Gardner & Bridger, mens' outfitters, Washington, Iowa.

Columbia—Daniel D. Streeter, '09, is in South Dakota where he is collecting fossils for the United States government.

California—Z. B. Hartley, '07, is with the Barranca Mines Co. His address is Apartado 481, San José, Costa Rica, C. A.

Williams—Howard Travell, '89, is practicing medicine at 79 Madison Avenue, New York, having removed from Troy, N. Y.

Westminster—Richard H. Stevens, Jr., '09, has become a member of the firm of Stevens & Stevens, attorneys at Clayton, Mo.

South Dakota—Percy T. Sutphen, '07, was married to Miss Maddeline Eaton at Plankinton, S. Dak. At home at Gooding, Ida.

Columbia—Donald Armstrong, '09, is in the bond business with the firm of Tatlock & Beardsley at 141 Broadway, New York.

Cincinnati—Waldo H. Dunn, '06, a member of the faculty of Wooster University, is one of the editors of the *Wooster Quarterly*.

Kansas—Curtis J. McCoy, '09, is in engineering work with the Union Pacific Railway Co., with headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.

Williams—Frederick B. Wills, '02, has removed from Trenton, N. J., to Auburn, N. Y., where he is clerk of the surrogate's court.

Ohio—Fred W. Hageman, '11, has secured a position as private secretary to Brother S. L. McCune, '06, national bank examiner.

Columbia—The engagement of Edwin Hoyt Updike, '04, to Miss Gladys Connoly of New York City, has just been announced.

Vermont—W. E. Bigwood, '85, is a member of the firm of Graves, Bigwood & Co., manufacturers of pine lumber, Toronto, Ont.

Westminster—Chancellor E. Weymouth and John A. Biggerstaff, '11, are sophomores at the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colo.

Wisconsin—Samuel B. Gregg, '00, is secretary and general manager of the Platte County Independent Telephone Co., Columbus, Neb.

Lehigh—C. W. Bretland, '10, has accepted a position in the structural steel department of the Bethlehem Steel Co., South Bethlehem, Pa.

Westminster—Fred A. Black, '05, was married at Fulton, Mo., in June, to Miss Seley Penney, B Σ O. They are at home in Fulton.

Westminster—Alfred L. Brown, '09, has become connected with a college in Washington, D. C., for instructors in deaf and dumb schools.

Wooster—Robert Ballagh, '76, formerly a Presbyterian clergyman at Chloride, Ariz., has returned to his former residence in California.

Knox—Theodore L. Holman, '08, of Bingham, Utah, was one of the committee appointed to receive President Taft on his recent visit to Utah.

Butler—Jno. Th. Lister, '97, is connected with the Colorado State Normal School at Greeley, Colo., in the department of physical education.

Westminster—John C. Miller, Jr., '08, is a civil engineer with the Iron Mountain Railroad, at present having his headquarters at Chaffee, Mo.

North Carolina—*The Review of Reviews* for September contains an article on "Making Better Use of Our Soils," by Hugh Hammond Bennett, '03.

Westminster—Martin Yates, Jr., '04, was married in June to Miss Mary Emmons, B Σ O, of Mexico, Mo. They are at home in Artesia, N. Mex.

Auburn—Arthur M. Ransom, '98, died last summer at Atlanta, Ga. Brother Ransom was professor of chemistry in Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Wooster—Wm. J. Boone, '84, president of Idaho College, has just completed the raising of an endowment fund for that college amounting to \$175,000.

Wisconsin—Harold G. Ferris, '02, is one of the proprietors of the "Crow's Nest" Fuel Co., with offices at 108 Auditorium Building, Spokane, Wash.

Washington and Jefferson—Joseph M. Irwin, '86, late missionary to India, died November 8, 1908, at Dajipur, a village about forty miles from Kolhapur.

Indiana—Ralph Bamberger, '91, and Isadore Feibleman, '93, are in

partnership in practice of the law with offices in the State Life Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

Iowa—Alfred M. Craven, '88, was married to Miss Melina Laux September 29, 1909, at Portland, Ore. They are at home after November 1, at Spokane, Wash.

Allegheny—William L. Stidger, '10, who was delegate from Pennsylvania Delta to the Pittsburg Convention, is now located at 86 Myrtle Street, Boston, Mass.

Hanover—William R. Barr, '75, has left Chicago and is now located at 1301 G Street, Washington, D. C., where he is vice-president of the Traffic Service Bureau.

Missouri—Royall H. Switzler, '97, secretary and treasurer of the St. Louis Refrigerating and Cold Storage Co., has been appointed general manager of that company.

Ohio—Raymond G. Crisp, '07, was married September 15 to Miss Inez Collins at Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Crisp are at home at 910 Johnston Street, Akron, Ohio.

Texas—Robert N. Watkin, '06, secretary and treasurer of the Will A. Watkin Co., Dallas, Texas, has been elected president of the Dallas high school alumni association.

Kentucky—John B. Jewell, '08, was married recently to Miss Mary Henderson Worthington of Danville, Ky. Brother Jewell will be remembered by recent convention goers.

DePauw—Ernest Roller, '00, has removed from Lafayette, Ind., to East Lansing, Mich., where he holds the position of instructor in physics in Michigan Agricultural College.

Ohio—Henry W. Lever, '08, director of athletics at North Dakota State Normal School, was married September 15 to Miss Margaret E. Sherburne, of Valley City, N. Dak.

Ohio—Guy D. Miller, '06, for several years principal of the commercial department of the Bradford, Pa. high school, has accepted a similar position in the Richmond, Ind. high school.

Lawrence—Norman Buck, '59, formerly associate justice of the Supreme Court of Idaho, and later a prominent lawyer of Spokane, Wash., died August 28, 1909, at his home in Spokane.

Ohio—Ralph C. Super, '95, has resigned his position as instructor in Latin, Wesleyan University, Middleton, Conn., to accept an excellent position with a banking firm in New York City.

Butler—Horace Ellis, '87, president of Vincennes University, Vincennes, Ind., is a candidate for the office of state superintendent of public instruction subject to the action of the Republican convention.

Washington and Jefferson—Earl M. McElroy, '05, died August 14, 1909, as the result of an injury sustained while engaged as an engineer in dam construction work for the government on the Ohio River.

Ohio Wesleyan—Arthur H. Sapp, '07, formerly of Kansas City, has been appointed superintendent of the Williams high school, Huntington, Ind. Brother Sapp was married October 14 to Miss Clara Yingling of Huntington.

Westminster—Dr. Wylie H. Forsythe, '94, who has been in the United States on leave owing to broken health in consequence of a murderous

attack, has again returned to his station in the mission field and is at Mokpo, Korea.

California—Carroll A. Stillson, '10, is with the Fielding J. Stillson Co., realty, stocks and bonds, 305 H. W. Hellman Building, Los Angeles, Cal. Brother Stillson and other Phis of the younger generation are endeavoring to revive the Los Angeles Alumni Club.

Dartmouth—George E. Liscomb, '07, has left the service of Lord & Thomas, advertising agents, to become western manager for the Munson-Whitaker Co., commercial and landscape foresters of Boston and New York. He is located at 1201 Monadnock Building, Chicago.

Wisconsin—Edward H. Hughes, '02, recently won the president's cup at the Spokane Country Club in the banner event of the golf year. Brother Hughes is vice-president and general manager of Hughes & Co., one of the largest wholesale steam and plumbing supply houses on the Pacific coast.

Illinois Wesleyan—John M. Cleary, '93, has been appointed reporter of the Kansas City Court of Appeals. Brother Cleary was formerly a member of the legislature from Jackson County, Mo., and was author of the Cleary Police Law. He was formerly a law partner of Governor Hadley of Mo.

Vermont—Marshall A. Howe, '90, was married June 8, 1909, to Miss Edith Morton Packard, of Stratford, Conn. Brother Howe is curator of the New York Botanical Gardens and editor of the *Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club*. Mrs. Howe is a graduate of Syracuse University and a member of A. Φ.

Wooster—Charles Mains, '89, is vice-president of The American Pad and Textile Company of Greenfield, Ohio, an enterprise which has grown in the last twenty years from a little plant using less than ten thousand dollars, to one that now makes over six million dollar pads a year, has over a million and a quarter invested at Greenfield and as much more in a Georgia cotton mill to supply the cotton drill stuff needed for the pads.

Butler—Oswald Ryan, '11, has been awarded the Indiana-Harvard scholarship and entered Harvard this fall. This scholarship carries with it \$200 annually. Brother Ryan has also received an appointment on the staff of the *Harvard Register*, the statistical and publicity department of the institution. He was president of his class at Butler last year and a member of the Butler debating teams for two years. In 1908 he founded the honorary oratorical fraternity T K A.

Union—LeRoy O. Ripley, '00, who has for the past six years been general manager of the Schenectady Illuminating Co., will leave Schenectady November 1 to take the position of vice-president and general manager of the American Light and Power Co., a sub-state concern which controls the electric current for the entire state of Kansas. From the time he was initiated Brother Ripley has been a loyal Phi. Since he graduated he has lived in Schenectady and has always been a very close friend of the active chapter. In 1904 he was instrumental in organizing the Schenectady Alumni Club, and has been one of its leading members ever since.

Following are the names of some of the prominent Phis of Minnesota: Hon. George T. Simpson, *Wisconsin*, '89, attorney-general of Minnesota; Hon. Oscar Hallam, *Wisconsin*, '87, judge second judicial district of state court; Asa G. Briggs, *Wisconsin*, '85, general attorney, Chicago Great Western Railway, all of St. Paul; Hon. D. F. Simpson,

Wisconsin, '82, judge, fourth judicial district of the state court; William T. Leary, *Minnesota*, '92, associate municipal judge; Prof. George B. Frankforter, Nebraska, '86, dean of chemistry school, University of Minnesota; Hugh N. T. Allen, *Minnesota*, '98, member state house of representatives, all of Minneapolis, and Dr. A. C. Rogers, *Franklin*, '77, superintendent State School for Feeble Minded, Faribault, Minn.

Cornell—The three years Hughey Jennings, '04, has had charge of the Tigers has netted the crafty leader of the American League championship team the tidy sum of \$41,500. Jennings worked on salary and percentage of the receipts of the club during his three years of management, and he has collected more money than any other big league manager in either league. During the first year he had charge of the Tigers he pulled down an even \$10,000. The second year netted him \$14,000, and this year his share was \$17,800, the fat returns of the world's series boosting his income to the aforementioned figures. Jennings is figuring on an income of about \$30,000 next year—that is, if he is in a world series again. If he fails to land the American League pennant for a fourth time he will be satisfied with something less than that.—*Exchange*.

Emory—Rev. H. S. Bradley, D.D., '90, resigned as vice-president of Emory College eight years ago. He entered the ministry, and served as pastor of Trinity church in Atlanta, Ga., and St. John's church, St. Louis, Mo., four years in each place. Many of his sermons have been published in the newspapers, and he has issued several volumes of sermons and addresses and theological works. He has been one of the most prominent ministers in the M. E. Church, South, and has been urged for election as bishop, but his liberal views on theology have prevented his endorsement by the conservative element in the church. His reputation as a pulpit orator is widely extended, and he has often been called on to address assemblies of various kinds throughout the country. Recently he has accepted the pastorate of Piedmont Congregational church in Worcester, Mass. The following is clipped from the *St. Louis Times*:

Piedmont church has 855 members, and includes probably more millionaires than any other church in New England. In addition to the salary of \$5,000 a year, Dr. Bradley will have the use of the church residence. Dr. Bradley is 40 years old. Previous to active work in the ministry, he was vice-president of Emory College, from which he was graduated in 1890. He there taught biology and geology, and he holds honorary degrees from the University of Georgia, Brooklyn, Institute of Arts and Sciences and the laboratories at Woods Hole, Mass. Dr. Bradley is widely known as an apostle of the higher criticism and of catholicity among churches.

HELLENIC.

Items of news suitable for this department should be sent direct to the Assistant Editor, instead of being included in chapter letters.

A Σ Φ, having entered Cornell, now has seven chapters.

Θ X, a local society at Washington and Lee, is petitioning Δ K E.

Φ Δ Θ, K A and K Σ rent houses at Washington and Lee this year.

Robert E. Peary, Δ K E, Bowdoin, '77, unfurled his fraternity flag at the north pole.

The Ohio legislature has enacted a law prohibiting the organization of fraternities in the high schools of the state.

Oklahoma now has five fraternities—Southern K A, K Σ, Σ N, B Θ Π and Σ A E, the last having entered in October.

The II Δ K sorority at Ohio University has chartered a local at Miami University and aims to become a national organization.

The K A Θ sorority has recently entered the University of Montana, the University of Oregon and the University of Oklahoma.

At the last convention of the inter-collegiate debating society, Δ Σ P, charters were granted to Harvard, Yale, Brown, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Δ X (legal) and Σ Ξ (scientific) among the professional fraternities, and Σ X, among the general fraternities, have declared against the duo-fraternity idea.—Δ X *Quarterly*.

Δ T Δ, A T Ω and K Σ prohibit their members from joining the sophomore society Θ N E. Several other fraternities including Φ Δ Θ leave the question to be decided by the chapters.

Σ Φ E continues to grow, having entered George Washington last month. George Washington, by the way, is getting rather crowded with fraternities, and the institution is in anything but a prosperous condition.

The recent gift of \$5000 from Brother Whitelaw Reid practically completes the \$20,000 fund of our new chapter house, which will be erected some time in the near future.—Miami correspondence, Δ K E *Quarterly*.

The Δ T *Quarterly* has a circulation of 3000 copies, of which 1912 go to alumni. This is probably a larger list of alumni subscribers than any other fraternity journal can boast of. The *Quarterly* also manages somehow, we wish we knew how, to secure more general advertising than any other.

As shown by the table giving the number of chapters of fraternities, published in THE SCROLL for September, Σ N has 63 chapters and X Ψ 17, although the accompanying list of chapters recently established or suspended did not state that Σ N had entered Nebraska or that X Ψ had suspended at Wofford.

Oregon now has an "anti-frat" law, which prohibits fraternities, sororities, and secret societies of every kind from the public schools. The act, however, does not apply to either the State Agricultural College or the State University. The fraternities in these institutions are given permission to continue.—Σ X *Quarterly*.

Σ X, having revived at Wabash and having entered Case and the University of Pittsburg, has 62 chapters. Before it entered Pittsburg there was only one fraternity, Σ Φ E, in the literary department, and there are still two locals petitioning national fraternities. There are also several national professional fraternities, for students in medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.

The convention of B Θ II, held at Put-in-Bay, Lake Erie, August 3-6, granted a charter for a chapter at the University of Oregon. B Θ II now has 73 chapters. The fraternities previously established at Oregon are Σ N, K Σ; the legal fraternity, Φ Δ Φ; the sororities, Γ Φ B and K A Θ, and several local societies for men and some for women who are applying for national fraternity charters.

Δ T, the non-secret fraternity, founded as the Social Fraternity at Williams College, November 4, 1833, will hold its diamond jubilee convention at Boston, November 3-6, 1909. The *Quarterly* makes the following very interesting announcement:

One feature of the Boston convention which will especially interest the older members will be a collection of memorabilia of the early days of the fraternity. With the consent of the Williams, Amherst, Hamilton and Colby

chapters, which may be taken for granted, the first record books of the early societies will be on exhibition. The executive council is also endeavoring to obtain samples of the first badges worn, copies of early catalogues, photographs of former conventions and so forth. Altogether this collection should be a most inspiring reminder of former days and of the discussions and upward struggles that have brought us to the prosperity of today. Another feature of interest at the convention will be the collection of lantern slides embracing views of chapter houses, campuses, eminent members of the fraternity, and other interesting views. The exhibition will probably be part of the entertainment provided for the smoker.

Greek letter fraternities gained a favorable decision over the Adrian (Mich.) board of education, when the Lenawee county circuit court decided that high school pupils could not be expelled from school for refusing to sign a pledge not to be members of secret societies. As this was the first case under the Michigan law forbidding fraternities in public schools, Attorney-general John E. Bird was called into the controversy, and he declared that the board of education had no power under the statutes to expel Wallace Hook, who brought suit after he had been excluded from school for refusing to sign the pledge. After the case was lost by the board, it passed resolutions depriving fraternity members of all privileges and honors in athletics, debates, and other school contests. Exactly the same decision was rendered by the attorney general of Arkansas, in 1902, after the legislature of that state had enacted a law prohibiting students in the University of Arkansas from joining fraternities. He held that that portion of the statute which prohibited students from joining fraternities was null and void, though that portion which declared that certain college honors should not be conferred on fraternity members was valid.

The biennial grand chapter (convention) of Σ X was held in the Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, June 29-July 2. The *Quarterly* says that "of the 59 active chapters, delegates were present from 55." The four unrepresented chapters were Lafayette, Kentucky, Dickinson and Lehigh. Delegates did not come from the first two. The latter two had delegates present but they "were deprived of representation on account of non-compliance with certain constitutional requirements." The total registration was 351, as compared with 456 at the semi-centennial convention at Cincinnati in 1905. Two of the founders of the fraternity were present. The report of the finance committee, in part as follows, was adopted:

We note that a number of chapters which are delinquent in the payment of dues and initiation fees are permitted to have representation in this grand chapter. In order to insure the prompt collection of moneys due the fraternity, we recommend that the general executive committee and the grand quaestor make it a uniform rule to suspend the charter of every chapter which is delinquent in the payment of dues or initiation fees at the time of the regular meetings of the grand chapter, and that publication of such fact be made in the grand chapter *Bulletin*.

Charters were granted for chapters at Case and the University of Pittsburgh. The report of the committee on extension, in part as follows, was adopted:

We favor a limited expansion in well-established and growing *state* institutions and those institutions supported by adequate endowment, and in this connection we desire to direct the attention of the grand chapter and the grand council to the opportunity which is at present offered the fraternity for development in the southern states. We feel that the symmetrical growth of the fraternity demands that more attention be paid to this section which, in our opinion, is destined in the next few years to become the scene of enormous industrial and educational development.

The constitution was amended so that "on a question of granting a new charter in the future the alumni shall have the same power as the active chapter." The convention decided not to adopt an alumni button, because "Anything which would tend to express a difference between the

active men and the alumni would be an element of weakness," but recommended "that every alumnus wear the pin or the coat-of-arms at all times." A chapter visitation fund was created by appropriating to it \$2 of the \$5 initiation fee. The grand council was empowered to adopt "a uniform system of bookkeeping for all chapters" and to prepare and distribute uniform books to them. George Ade, Purdue, '87, the author, was elected grand consul for two years. The social features consisted of visits to Northwestern University and the University of Chicago, an excursion on Lake Michigan, an informal dinner at the Bismarck Garden, a theatre party (Burr W. McIntosh, $\Sigma\ X$, Lafayette, '84, in "A Gentleman from Mississippi"), a banquet at the University Club, and the K A Θ sorority convention ball at the Chicago Beach Hotel, to which Sigs were invited.

FRATERNITIES AT WISCONSIN TO BE INVESTIGATED.

By the action of the Wisconsin legislature, the fraternities at the University of Wisconsin are to be investigated by the board of regents, the report of the investigation to be presented at the session of the legislature two years hence. The bill was introduced by Assemblyman C. B. Culbertson, a graduate of the university with the class of '91. He is a member of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, and of the legal fraternity, $\Phi\Delta\Phi$. The resolutions offered were in full as follows:

Whereas, certain students of the University of Wisconsin have banded themselves into fraternal organizations known as Greek-letter fraternities and Greek-letter sororities;

Whereas, such organizations have had a tendency wherever they have existed in this country to form cliques and social classes anti-democratic in tendency;

Whereas, while we recognize that the university is as democratic as any university in the country, yet, evidence is not wanting of a tendency toward a class distinction growing out of the conditions surrounding fraternity life;

Therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring that the board of regents of the university be requested to investigate the situation in the fraternities and sororities with reference to remedying the above tendency, and also with reference to the substitution therefor of some better system of student organization, and to report the result of such investigations with recommendations to the legislature at their next regular session.

Mr. Culbertson, in his speech in support of the resolutions, stated that, although the fraternities had their good sides, no one could deny that they fostered aristocracy. When asked, immediately after the passing of the resolutions, what plan he would suggest as a substitute for the present system, he replied that honorary societies, in which either scholarship or athletic prowess was the basis of admission, would take the place of the present system. He believes that when the report of the regents is submitted to the legislature two years hence, it will result in the abolition of fraternities at Wisconsin.

The whole movement is aimed at the aristocratic tendency of the fraternities and sororities as evidenced chiefly in social affairs, and it will be this which will be the issue when the report of the regents is submitted. Such a radical move as the abolition of fraternities and sororities is not greatly feared among Greek-letter men and women, but a rigid regulation of them is assured. Wisconsin is the first state to take up such an idea and the movement will be watched with great interest by the residents of this and neighboring states, for the fraternity system at Wisconsin will undergo a great change within the next two years. It is hoped that the legislature will see the wisdom of evolution and the folly of revolution.

H. L. BLANKENBURG, in the A T Ω Palm.

SIGMA CHI'S MANUAL AND DIRECTORY.

The Sigma Chi Fraternity Manual and Directory, 1902-1908. Edited by Fred Agents Perine, Grand Historian. Cloth, pp. lxviii + 414, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 7 inches. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 1908. \$2 postpaid. Order from Fred A. Perine, 95 Farnsworth Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Of the 482 pages in this book, 412 contain a catalogue of the members of ΣX , up to October 1, 1908, when the number was 10,066. The catalogue is in three sections—the names arranged by chapters and classes, and also arranged both geographically and alphabetically. The catalogue is very condensed; it could hardly be more so. In the list by chapters only one line in practically all cases is given to each name entry, which includes nothing beyond the name in full as a rule, the baccalaureate degree if any, the occupation, the address, with street and number, and if deceased, the date of death, if known. Even doctorate degrees are omitted.

The remaining 70 pages of the book contain sketches of the seven founders of ΣX , 2 pages; a sketch of the fraternity from 1902 to 1908, 16 pages; a roll of the chapters which are active, 2 pages; a roll of alumni chapters, 1 page; a list of grand chapters (conventions) held, 2 pages; a list of past grand consuls (presidents), 1 page; the charter of incorporation of the grand council, 2 pages; the constitution of the fraternity, 12 pages; the constitutional statutes, 7 pages; the by-laws of the grand council, 3 pages, besides other matter.

A large amount of very valuable and interesting material is condensed into a very small compass. One is at a loss to suggest how an improvement could have been made in the little volume, in contents or in any other respect. It is of pocket size, and very convenient for carrying about. Though it has nearly 500 pages, it is not over an inch thick, including a cloth cover with beveled edges. The only illustration is the coat-of-arms of ΣX , which serves as a frontispiece.

The history of the fraternity from the time of its foundation in 1855 to 1890 was published in a catalogue and history issued in 1890, and the history from 1890 to 1902 was published in a residence directory issued in 1902, hence the history in this manual and directory embraces the period from 1902 to 1908. The editor has discovered that ΣX had two chapters which were not included in previous editions of the directory. One was a chapter established at the University of Nashville in 1856, the other a chapter established at the University of Louisiana in 1882. Both were short lived, and only eight members are known to have been initiated into the former and three into the latter.

COLLEGIATE.

Items of news more suitable for this department than for chapter letters should be sent direct to the Assistant Editor.

Syracuse now has an instructor in swimming.

Both Union and Oberlin have adopted the honor system.

Columbia students earned \$100,223 last year by working in free hours.

The Presbyterian Theological College, affiliated with McGill, has 80 students.

At California a club has been formed to meet weekly and converse in Japanese.

A cup has been awarded at Syracuse to the man of the highest scholastic standing among those who have won the 'varsity letter.

A hygienic laboratory is to be established in connection with the course of instruction in sanitary science and public health, now given by Cornell in co-operation with the state.

The Baptist, Catholic, Congregationalist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches have pastors at Wisconsin who devote their entire time to work among the students.

The Cornell *Daily Sun* now has eight pages, five columns to the page. One page is devoted to morning telegraphic news. This feature is of advantage since Ithaca has no morning paper.

In view of the increasing number of students at McGill and the few good rooms near the university, the need for dormitories is urgent. The representation from oversea has increased materially this year.

A new scheme for financing athletics went into effect at Williams this fall. It is that of subscription on the basis of the room rent of the individual student, the percentage being 18.7. Provision is made for a reduction in the case of scholarship men, and no subscription is expected from such as are working their way through college.

On account of the burning of Westminster Hall of Westminster College, at the beginning of the collegiate year, the classes are being taught in the dormitory and elsewhere. Plans are being made for three new buildings—a main building which will reproduce Westminster Hall as nearly as possible, a combined library and gymnasium, and a chapel. Brother C. F. Lamkin, H. G. C., who has visited Fulton since the fire, writes: "The entering class is the best and largest I have ever seen since I have known the college, and it has an abundance of fraternity material."

The John Hay Library is being erected at Brown. Two new dormitories will soon be completed at Pennsylvania. The John Fritz Engineering Laboratory is under construction at Lehigh. Virginia's \$100,000 law building is in course of erection. Washington and Lee will soon have a new \$100,000 gymnasium. Emory's \$35,000 chapel will be completed by spring. Plans are being drawn for a \$50,000 science hall at Knox. Illinois has a new \$250,000 physics laboratory. Andrew Carnegie has given Illinois Wesleyan \$30,000 for a new science building. The foundations are being laid at California for the Boalt Hall of Law to cost \$150,000.

The College of the City of New York has begun to have evening classes. New York University has started a school of journalism, with several experienced newspaper men as instructors. At Virginia the law course has been lengthened to three years, and the law faculty increased to five professors with two assistants. At Vanderbilt also the law course has been extended to three years. Michigan now has a four-year course in railway administration. Three women are taking engineering courses at Wisconsin. At Nebraska entrance requirements have been raised about 30 points, except in the college of agriculture, the change to go into effect in 1910, and, beginning in 1911, the entrance requirements of the college of law will be raised to one year of college work. Admission to California's three-year law course now requires the completion of three years of college work.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$300,000 to Syracuse. Union has received \$100,000 from the General Education Board and \$100,000 from

general subscriptions. A fund has been raised to establish at Washington and Lee a chair of American history, as a memorial to General Robert E. Lee. The endowment of Virginia has been increased \$1,000,000 by general subscriptions. Emory's \$500,000 endowment fund is nearly completed. The Cincinnati city council has authorized the issuance of \$550,000 of bonds for the benefit of the University of Cincinnati. Illinois Wesleyan has raised a \$60,000 endowment fund. Wabash has received an additional endowment of \$210,000, of which Andrew Carnegie gave \$50,000, the General Education Board \$50,000, and alumni and friends \$110,000. The legislature of Minnesota has appropriated for the University of Minnesota \$1,000,000 to erect four new buildings, \$1,000,000 for general purposes and \$350,000 to complete the campus extension as planned by Cass Gilbert, the New York architect. Thomas Shelvin has given the university \$60,000 to enlarge Alice Shelvin Hall and to support five scholarships.

Dickinson has a new athletic field, called the Herman Bosler Biddle Memorial Field. The regents of Nebraska have taken steps to condemn two squares adjoining the campus on the north for an athletic field and drill ground. Michigan has acquired 90 acres, which will be used for a botanical garden and arboretum. The land is easily accessible from the campus and borders over half a mile on the Huron River. The woman's league of the university has acquired seven acres for an athletic field for co-eds. The university has been given 1500 acres on Douglas Lake, Cheboygan county, to be used for the summer engineering camp. In honor of the donor, it has been named the Bogardus Engineering Camp. To California's campus 250 acres have been added by purchase. This land comprises the entire inner portion of Strawberry Cañon. On the south it runs to the crest of a lofty ridge of the Berkeley hills. The land will be of great value for experimentation and instruction in forestry, dairying, and various branches of agriculture. It provides, also, a site for a future reservoir. It is planned, within the next few years, to provide a water system sufficient for the needs of the university community, now of 3400 students, and of the campus of 820 acres.

ELDERLY STUDENTS AT MICHIGAN AND MISSOURI.

Captain Inman Sealby, commander of the White Star steamer *Republic* when she was sunk last February, after a collision with the Italian steamer *Florida*, has entered the University of Michigan as a freshman law student at fifty years of age.

The collision, with the litigation which has followed to determine the responsibility for it, turned Captain Sealby's attention to admiralty law and its opportunities. "I want to be treated like any other freshman in Ann Arbor," Captain Sealby said. "If there is any ducking of freshmen done I want my share."

For the first time in the history of the University of Missouri, or perhaps of any university, a father and son are candidates for the same degree, and will stand in the same class this year and be awarded a diploma and the degree of bachelor of science in agriculture. They are E. E. Vanatta of Vandalia, Mo., 45 years old, and son, Earl S. Vanatta, 22 years old. Both are seniors in the school of agriculture, and both have taken the full course, except that the father will have finished it in three years and the son in four.

When Earl S. Vanatta entered the school of agriculture four years ago as a freshman, he did not dream that his letters home would prove so interesting that his father would be induced to sell his farm, move to Columbia and enter up for the same course, but that is what happened. His father sold his farm near Vandalia, came to Columbia, and in three years has overtaken his son, less than half his age, and will receive his degree in the same class. He has done more, for his excellent work has made him eligible to the Alpha Zeta, the leading honorary fraternity of his department, which his son was not able to make, although he is a member of an honorary fraternity himself, the standard of which is not so high.

Vanatta Senior, as the students call him to distinguish him from his son, was a student in the University of Missouri in 1883-4, but did not get to finish his course, because he fell in love with and married a girl in Stephens College. Both quit school and bought a farm at Vandalia, Mo. When their son Earl had finished high school they sent him to Columbia to take the agricultural course. Earl's letters proved too great a temptation so they sold their farm, moved to Columbia, and university students experienced the sensation of having a father and son both students in the university. Furthermore, the son was a sophomore and had to enforce the rules against his freshman father. Earl was a member of the committee that compelled all freshmen, including his father, to wear the regulation "dinkie" caps, and in the class rush they fought on opposite sides.

However, when it came to studies, the "old man" got the better of the contest, for before Earl knew it, his father had caught up with him. Such things as student "hops" and "coeds" did not bother Vanatta, Sr. He got special permission to carry extra work and made the highest grades in the freshman class. This entitled him to extra credit and now after three years they are in the same class and will be graduated together. He is pointed out on the quad as the only freshman who was good enough in chemistry, the hardest study, to be exempted from the examination.

Vanatta, Sr. has always taken part in student activities and holds several offices in the class organizations. He is popular with the students and takes work in the gymnasium as well as the 18-year-olds. He jumps, wrestles, and takes cross-country runs with the best of them. His popularity is largely due to the fact that he built a large clubhouse for the students in his department. It is known as the "farm house," and is conducted on the co-operative plan by the students in his department, much cheaper than they could board at private houses. The house cost \$8000 and he rents it to the students cheaply. His wife and son also live at the house. Vanatta, Sr. will probably specialize in some of the courses and become a teacher in some of the branches of agriculture in the university.

THE PYX.

News of interesting events, occurring after chapter letters have been forwarded, and as late as the 20th or 25th of the month preceding the month of publication, should be forwarded promptly, to appear in this department.

The following paragraphs are clipped from an article on college fraternities, by Merritt Butler, published in the New York *Evening Post* for October 16. The last paragraph refers to Hon. Hugh Th. Miller, who was lieutenant-governor of Indiana in 1906-08. He was a member of the general council of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ longer than any other member has served on it, and he has attended every national convention of the Fraternity beginning in 1891. He was S. G. C., 1889-94; P. G. C., 1894-96, and editor of *THE SCROLL*, 1896-1902.

When a man leaves college, he ceases to be an active member; but he is none the less a member, and is received warmly in any chapter house of his fraternity throughout the land, whenever he may choose to drop in. A national organization binds the chapters together; and this organization has alumni officers, who look out for the general welfare of the society and try to help the chapters individually when they can, particularly in the matter of building chapter houses.

The national conventions are composed primarily of undergraduate delegates; but of late years alumni organizations have been generously represented in these conventions, so that in the case of a large fraternity there may be between one hundred and two hundred delegates in attendance. Many a professional or business man drops his work and travels hundreds of miles to foregather with "brothers," old and young.

These assemblages of college men of all ages are inevitably occasions of much enjoyment. Held here and there throughout the country, they centre around the active chapters or groups of city alumni as entertainers. Social events are interspersed with the working sessions and a dinner with prominent alumni as speakers is the usual climax of the gathering.

Beyond question these conventions are a distinct help to college democracy. They bring together men from all parts of the country, from little colleges and big universities. They teach new and larger views and dissipate the provincialism of untravelled youth.

To what type of men the appeal for fraternity service has come is shown by the fact that the president for years of the executive board of Psi Upsilon was the managing editor of a Brooklyn newspaper; that a recent lieutenant-governor of Indiana was long an official of Phi Delta Theta, and that Governor Hughes of New York was for several years an active spirit on the executive council of Delta Upsilon.

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Chapter reporters are requested to give full names and home addresses of new members in *THE SCROLL* letter next succeeding initiation but not to give names of pledges. One such report is sufficient and it is best to send in the names after than before initiation.

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Following a long established custom *THE SCROLL* will publish biographical sketches of deceased members in the last issue of the college year which from now on will be in May. Such sketches may be sent in at any time but the contributors will understand why they do not appear in the next succeeding issue.



This photograph represents a group of Phis gathered in a giant redwood grove on the Russian River, California, for the annual "Midsummer Jinks" of the Bohemian Club of San Francisco. The culmination was the presentation of "St. Patrick at Tara," a "Grove Play," by H. Morse Stephens, professor of history in the University of California—a blank verse drama portraying the bringing of Christianity to the Druids of Ireland by St. Patrick. The music was composed by Wallace Sabin of San Francisco.

From left to right the persons in the picture are as follows: Sitting on the log: George F. Reinhart, California Alpha, '97, professor of hygiene and university physician in the University of California; Charles Parcells, California Alpha, '95, vice-president and manager of the Parcells Safe Co., of San Francisco; Henry A. Melvin, California Alpha, '89, associate justice of the supreme court of California and president of the Bohemian Club of San Francisco; Riley Hardin, Tennessee Alpha, '93, stock raiser; Victor Henderson, California Alpha, '00, secretary of the regents of the University of California. From left to right those standing are: Guy L. Bayley, California Alpha, '97, general manager of the Municipal Light and Power Co., of San Francisco; Duncan McDuffie, California Alpha, '99, head of the Mason-McDuffie Real Estate Co., of Berkeley; H. T. Cory, Purdue, '87, Cornell, '93, assistant general manager of the Randolph lines in Arizona and general manager of the California Development Co., which is to irrigate 700,000 acres of land on the Colorado River.

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It is not often that we have had the pleasure of publishing a review by a leading literary man of a successful book by another literary light.

Consequently we very highly appreciate the review by Brother Ray Stannard Baker, *Lansing*, '89, of the new novel by Brother William Allen White, *Kansas*, '90. We invite especial attention to the review in the introductory pages of this issue of THE SCROLL. The book has been reviewed extensively and very favorably in such papers as *The Outlook*, *The Independent*, *The Literary Digest* and the *New York Evening Post*. The *Evening Post* says that it comes close to being what all of us have been looking for—"the great American novel."

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The first number of *The American College* contains a number of interesting and valuable articles and strong editorials. The announced purpose of the magazine is to furnish "a forum for the discussion of college problems," and, through discussion, to improve college conditions, so that students will receive greater benefits, mentally, morally and socially, which certainly should appeal to members of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. The initial number is a very handsome publication of 84 large pages. Among the departments are those relating to fraternities, general college news and extracts from the college press. An interesting reprint is from the Boston *Journal* of July 30, 1864, descriptive of the first intercollegiate baseball game (Williams, 12; Harvard, 9) and the Harvard-Yale boat race (won by Harvard). We are glad to find at the end of the magazine, what we believe is intended as a permanent feature, a list of all official organs of general fraternities for men and sororities, with the address of the editor and the subscription price of each. *The American College* is published monthly by the Higher Education Association, 42 Broadway, New York City, at \$2.50 a year (Canada \$3); single numbers 25 cents. It will be clubbed with THE SCROLL for \$3, and we shall be glad to receive subscriptions for both magazines.

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Brother Fred Cowles, vice president of Zeta Province, reports progress in arrangements for the province convention which is to be held at Kansas City November 25, 26 and 27. Headquarters will be at the Coates House and a most enjoyable time is assured to all who can attend.

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Alumni club luncheons are regularly held as follows:

Boston, Marston's restaurant, Hanover Street, Saturdays at one o'clock.

Chicago, Boston Oyster House, down stairs, Southeast corner of Madison and Clark Streets, Fridays at 12:30 o'clock.

Cleveland, Hoff Brau House, 631 Prospect Avenue, Monday 12 to 1:30.

Dallas, Texas, Southland Hotel, Fridays at noon.

Indianapolis, Commercial Club, Saturdays at 12:15 o'clock.

Kansas City, Wednesdays at 10 o'clock.

Minneapolis, Dorner's Café, Wednesday noon.

Nashville, The Duncan, Fridays, at 12:30.

New Orleans, The Rathskeller 414 St. Charles Street.

New York, Kalil restaurant, 14 Park place, Thursdays at one o'clock.

Pittsburg, Hotel Henry, Fridays at 12:15 o'clock.

Providence, Mumford's restaurant, on Westminster Street, Fridays at one o'clock.

St. Louis. Leonhardt's, 320 Market Street, Fridays, 12:30 to 1:30.

San Francisco, Argonaut Hotel, Third Street, near Market, Friday noon.

Schenectady, Glenn Bros., 422 State Street, Tuesdays at 12:15.

Seattle, Ranier Grand Hotel, weekly.

Spokane, Alternate Fridays.





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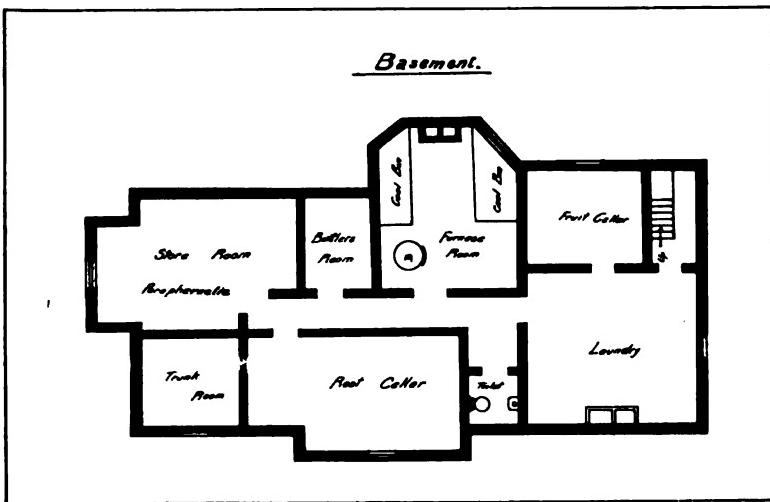
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ONTARIO ALPHA'S CHAPTER HOUSE.

On March 1, 1909, at the annual banquet of Ontario Alpha held at McConkey's, Brother Ernest Oliver, '03, announced to the members present that all arrangements had been completed and that he was in a position to congratulate the chapter on the definite possession of a house of its own.

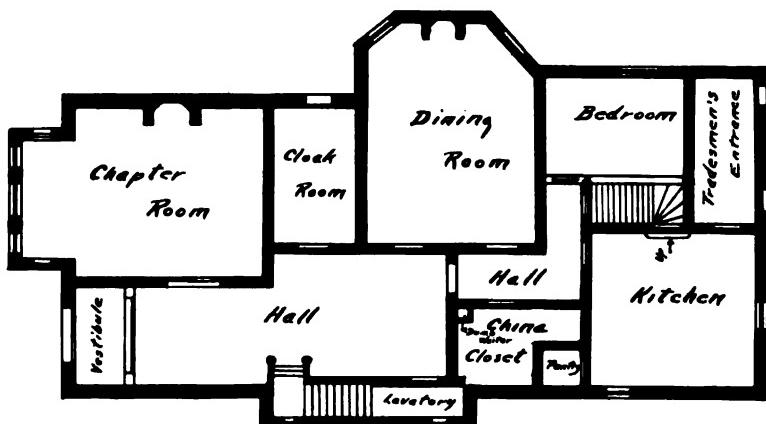
Ever since Ontario Alpha was chartered in 1906 she has been looking forward to the time when such a statement could be made and the means employed to attain the end are briefly as follows. Immediately after the installation of the chapter a note system was introduced by which every graduating member signed a note for \$100 payable within three years—the money to be put aside for the house fund. Inside of a year or so this method was seen to be too slow to obtain definite results in the near future and on March 21, 1908, a committee composed of E. W. Oliver and R. B. McKinnon representing the alumni and W. W. Davidson, J. H. Oldham and H. P. Cooke for the active chapter was appointed to look closely into the house question and to see just what could be done. The result of the work of this committee was that on April 22, 1908, the province of Ontario granted a charter to the "Phi Delta Theta Co., Limited, Toronto," with a capital of \$25,000 made up of 500 shares of \$50 each. After looking around carefully it was decided that the house then occupied by the chapter offered the best available proposition and steps were at once taken to buy it. Enough stock was sold among the alumni and members of the active chapter to pay down the required cash payment and first and second mortgages were raised for the balance. The first mortgage was raised by several of the members of the active chapter taking out policies with a life insurance company and then signing over their policies to the company.

The home of the chapter is at 143 Bloor Street West and is the house which the chapter has occupied for the last three years. It is less than ten minutes walk from the university grounds, situated very centrally in a good residential part of



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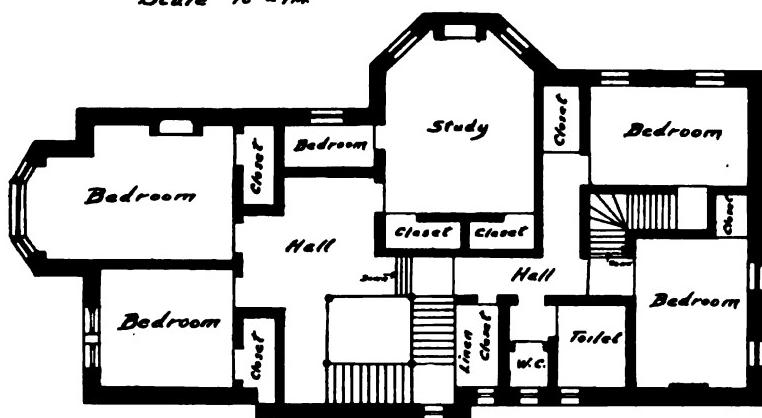
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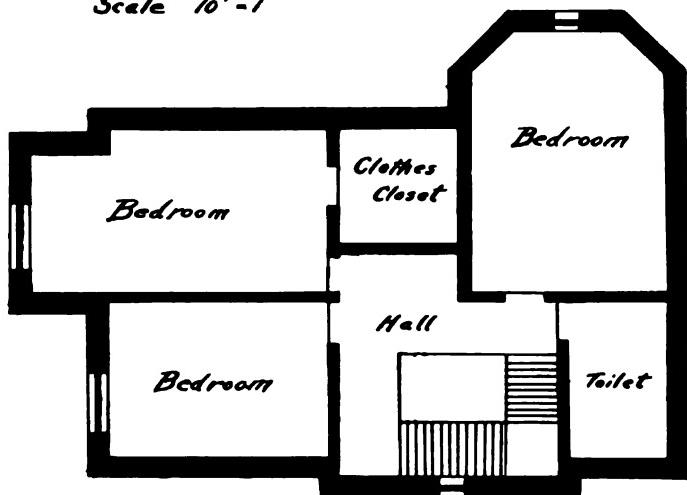
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ONTARIO ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE.

the city, and for location and the property itself is the very best that the chapter could get. Directly behind the house and separated from it only by a line fence is the large athletic field of Victoria College. The chapter has the use of this campus in the autumn and spring for football and baseball and in the winter there is a large open air rink on the field on which the members have hockey and skating privileges.



ONTARIO ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE—CORNER OF CHAPTER ROOM.

The house itself is of brick containing sixteen rooms, the hall floors are of inlaid hardwood and the house is lighted throughout by electricity and gas. The accompanying plans will give some idea of the layout of the house. Although not built for a chapter house in the first place and therefore lacking some of the features of an ideal fraternity home still Ontario Alpha hopes eventually to make this, the permanent residence of the chapter, a place that will fill all the fraternal requirements. Since coming into possession several improvements have been made by the chapter such as having the exterior of the house and the fences repainted, a new furnace put in, electric

ONTARIO ALPHA—ACTIVE CHAPTER.

W. A. Wilson, B. M. Frith, C. E. Frith, C. E. Webb, R. D. Patterson, K. B. MacLaren, C. V. A. MacCormack, J. H. Oldham, S. M. McLay, H. J. Marshall, F. H. Chestnut, H. A. L. Conn, H. deW. Ball, E. W. Browne, R. G. Swan, W. W. Hume, W. G. Swan, D. A. Graham, W. W. Davidson, R. P. Stockton, H. S. Sprague, J. T. Acton, G. N. Kennedy, A. R. Ramsey, R. L. Junkin, J. A. Yorke, K. Munro, H. B. Rathbun, A. A. Smith.



light installed and several of the rooms redecorated. The basement is divided off into rooms and in the near future the chapter expects to have some of them furnished appropriately for meetings and initiations.

Ontario Alpha wishes to take this opportunity of further expressing its thanks to Brother E. W. Oliver for the work he has done for the chapter. It was mainly due to his unceas-



ONTARIO ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE—MAIN STAIRWAY.

ing efforts that the stock company was formed and as its first president he it was who piloted the chapter to the position she now holds—that of being the first chapter of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in Canada to own its own house. The house is wide open to all visiting This who are assured of a hearty welcome by the active chapter.

W. A. WILSON, *Toronto, '09.*

OLD FRATERNITY RECORDS.

In THE SCROLL for October, 1887, I began the publication of "Old Fraternity Records," consisting of old letters, quotations from early documents and reminiscences of the surviving founders and other early members. Many hundreds of such records, dating from 1848 to 1879,

were published. During the first thirty years of the fraternity its members wrote a great many letters to one another, and chapters corresponded frequently with one another. After the establishment of THE SCROLL, this inter-chapter correspondence decreased. The "Old Fraternity Records" were most valuable sources of information for "The History of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity." For that work I collected a very large amount of material, and much of it has appeared in THE SCROLL. For several years the magazine has been so crowded for space that it has not had room for the concluding installments.

WALTER B. PALMER.

The Kentucky Alpha matter is simply this: Brother Phister, a Kentucky member of Virginia Beta, goes to Danville on Saturday or Monday next, and will initiate the Δ K chapter into $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. I sent him the constitution, etc., a few days ago. The credit is due solely to him. Michigan Alpha will be all right this fall I think. I am corresponding with Brother Ira W. Christian, who will go to Ann Arbor. Fred. Austin is going back to the University of Missouri this fall, and will shake up the sleepy Phis there. Did Knox take in anybody at the University of Alabama last commencement?—George Banta, Franklin, Ind., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., August 25, 1879.

The following extracts from letters can tell their respective stories better than I can. The first from C. W. Marshall at Ohio Wesleyan University, October 10:

I organized with four members—two juniors and two sophomores. We spiked two other men, a sophomore and a senior, but they want time to think. I am confident that we will initiate them soon. I have known all except one of these men for two years; I have met them in society, in the recitation room, and in the literary society, and have always found them live, energetic, whole-souled men. . . . It was three o'clock that night before we were organized. We rented a hall the next morning. It is in the third story of a building in which the Sigs meet:

Marshall is a new man, taken into the Indiana Gamma last term. He immediately showed an inclination to post himself upon the national affairs of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, but none of the Gamma boys knew much about it. When I attended commencement at Butler, he put in all of the time he could get asking me questions about how to work it up, and I have written him ever since. He is a splendid fellow, and I congratulate him most heartily upon the success of his first effort. The other letter is from C. J. Reddig, Shippensburg, Pa., October 12:

On last Thursday, the 9th, I organized at the University of Vermont, Burlington, a chapter of ten men—three freshmen, four sophomores, one junior and two seniors—the pick and choice of the university. They have a hall furnished and are at work on new men, and for a few

weeks will be *sub rosa*, so as to secure a few more before the fraternities become aware of their strength and presence among them. Send a letter of congratulation to F. O. Sinclair, Winooski, Vt. (two miles from Burlington).

There is a Phi at Johns Hopkins named Joseph L. Armstrong, of Virginia Gamma. Write to him immediately and I will do the same. George B. Thomas, of Kentucky Alpha, is a worker; he has not been out of Δ K a month, and already is getting thoroughly posted. He is very much interested in the Johns Hopkins scheme. He also wants us to enter Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, and speaks of Brother Cody there. I wrote to C. last spring and will write him again.—George Banta, Franklin, Ind., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., October 14, 1879.

You ask on what condition Δ K came over to Φ Δ Θ. All the active members came over in a body, and had no understanding about the old members, but since then we have decided to take any of them in who wish to come, and to catalogue them in their classes, as if they belonged to Φ Δ Θ when they graduated.—George B. Thomas, Centre College, to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., October 25, 1879.

Madison, Wis., November 29, 1879. Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn. Dear Sir: Yours of November 25th at hand. As regards your request, I will say that I am willing to undertake a correspondence with you on the subject mentioned. If you choose to honor me with your confidence to that extent, I will do everything in my power to forward your interests and those of your fraternity. If you do not so choose, please let me know by return mail and I will try to find a man that *will* suit. Yours truly, Dan S. McArthur.

I have ascertained the names and societies of all the fraternity men here, and have marked them in a catalogue sent to you by this mail. There are four fraternities at the University of Wisconsin—B Θ II, 14 members; Φ K Ψ, 21; X Ψ, 19; K K Γ (ladies) 12. Your statement that Φ Δ Θ had a chapter here previous to the war, and that it was the first one here, only increases my interest in endeavoring to establish or re-establish a chapter. I have to work with extreme caution, as I have two room-mates, one being a member of B Θ II, the other of Φ K Ψ. Since the receipt of your letter giving me authority to work, I have spent most of my time in ascertaining the society men and in noting down good men, for the proposed chapter. It is rather difficult to find men, who are not anti-secret society men, that have the three requisites, good mental,

moral and social status, in addition to money—that is money to put into a society. I can report at present but three men, including myself, who will join together to form a new chapter. In accordance with your request, I sent you by mail Saturday a photograph of myself.—Dan S. McArthur, University of Wisconsin, to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., December 9, 1879.

Your letter, dated I think the 12th inst., received before leaving Madison, but it being the end of the term, I was too much pressed for time to answer before now. After answering your last letter, I thought the business over and decided that it would be better to proceed in a slow but sure manner. Therefore I set to work with great caution, not being absent from my room more than usual, in order not to arouse the suspicions of my roommates. There are four of us sworn to stick together and try to make a success of establishing a chapter, and there are four more whom I will hear from at the end of vacation, January 8th, and to whom I shall write within a few days and encourage to give the desired answer. There are two more whose antecedents I am looking up, as I do not know them as well as I do the others. In regard to sub-freshmen, they are on the same social footing as members of the university classes, and each fraternity has, or has had sub-freshmen members. The two copies of THE SCROLL received and read with care, especially the oration on Greek-letter societies, which pleased me very much. I am glad to see there are so many well known and distinguished men in your fraternity, and I hope that Wisconsin Alpha may add more in the course of time. I spoke to Judge Wm. F. Vilas and found that he had written you, saying that he is willing to initiate us, which set me at rest on that score, as I did not know but that I would have to come to you for that purpose.—Dan S. McArthur, La Crosse, Wis., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., December 20, 1879.

Your favor of the 31st ult. at hand. Would have written to you before, but waited until all the boys were here. Of the three that I spoke to last term, who promised to give me an answer on their return, but one will come in. He is John F. Tourtelotte, a special student ranking as a sophomore. He will not be initiated with the rest of us by Judge Vilas, as his parents are opposed to secret societies, and he does not want to join until he induces them to give their consent, which he hopes to get shortly. I expect to approach another sophomore tomorrow and think that I will get him but of course am not sure. I

will send you the pledge that you sent me tomorrow or next day, as you say you are required to have it. I will see Judge Vilas in a day or two and find out when he will initiate us, as I suppose that, in accordance with the statement in your last letter, you have sent the papers by this time. I presume that the form of an application for charter will be sent us with the other papers, so that it can be filled out and forwarded as soon as we obtain a sufficient number of men.—Dan S. McArthur, University of Wisconsin, to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., January 12, 1880.

I have spoken to the sophomore that I mentioned to you in my letter of 12th inst., and, though undecided as yet, he is more than half inclined to join with us. The reason I kept the pledge was to give him a chance to sign it if he should decide by today. You will find it inclosed signed by five of us.—Dan S. McArthur, University of Wisconsin, to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., January 14, 1880.

With this was sent a paper signed by Dan S. McArthur, Charles A. Foster, George Keenan, Ed J. Dockery and John F. Tourtellotte, promising to accept the Bond and constitution, and to do all in their power to organize and maintain a chapter of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ at the University of Wisconsin.—W. B. P.

Yes Christian has virtually given up the fight at Ann Arbor. He writes me that he would not like to try to build up a chapter under the shadows of the $X\Psi$, ΔKE and ΨY chapter houses without a big pile of money. I guess he is about right.—Clarence L. Goodwin, Sellersburg, Ind., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., January 23, 1880.

(Telegram) Madison, Wis., January 24, 1880, 10 a. m. Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn. Have seen Vilas. Will be initiated this afternoon. Dan S. McArthur.

I received your telegram while at breakfast Saturday, 24th inst., and immediately afterward I went down to Judge W. F. Vilas' office and saw him. He said that the papers were up at his house, and if I would come up he would initiate me, and then I could initiate the others. I went to his house at 3 p. m., and was initiated in an informal manner. Later in the afternoon I initiated C. A. Foster and E. J. Dockery, and this afternoon George Keenan. Mr. Tourtellotte has not yet overcome the prejudice of his parents against secret societies, but thinks that it will be done in time. We will have a meeting Wednesday evening to arrange matters, elect new members, etc. I think that we will follow your advice and not apply for a charter until we have at least six members, as I do not think

that it would be well to start with less than that number. Your beautiful badge excites the admiration of all of us and we are eagerly awaiting the time when we can wear it in public. I will write to the grand banker today for a catalogue. Shall I report to THE SCROLL before we get a charter? I returned the pledge to Brother Vilas this afternoon and you will probably get it about the same time you get this—Dan S. McArthur, University of Wisconsin, to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., January 26, 1880.

Your letters of 28th and 30th ult. at hand, also your badge. Judge Vilas has the old papers of Wisconsin Alpha, and if you wish I will try to get them and find out as much as possible about the alumni members for your catalogue. I have sent to the grand banker for the catalogue and will write to him in a few days for the song book. I have sent in the names to Brother Troxell for THE SCROLL, and will write to Lippencott for Baird's work.—Dan S. McArthur, University of Wisconsin, to Walter B. Palmer, February 21, 1880.

Day before yesterday I received a letter from Ira W. Christian which gives me a little hope. He says:

As soon as I got settled in my studies, I went to work, and this evening we organized the Michigan Alpha. We elected Mason W. Gray president; Guilford F. Spencer, treasurer; Ira W. Christian, secretary. We have before us a frowning future—no money, no credit. If we can raise \$500 by next September, we will badge out; if not we will turn over our charter.

Indiana Alpha was to have a man at Greencastle this term, and I suppose he is there now. He is a sub and well acquainted with many of the students. I do not believe we ought to go into the University of Chicago, as the institution is running down as fast as it can. As to the Illinois Epsilon business again, I am not saying that the executive committee did not have the right to withdraw the charter, for they clearly *did* if they complied with the law. Long before it was done I was of the opinion that a little investigation would do the chapter good. I have not corresponded with any member of it since September, 1878. The only thing I want looked into is this expulsion of the members. That I think was clearly illegal and beyond the scope of the executive authority. I am opposed to allowing the executive committee to assume power not belonging to them in *anything*. The right of trial by one's own chapter is a constitutional right. This power of depriving a man of his membership in the fraternity is a most dangerous one, though a necessary one, and its existence ought to be

strictly guarded and kept carefully inside of constitutional limitations. The mode of relieving ourselves of unworthy members being fully provided for by the constitution, I believe that any unlawful assumption of this power should be checked in its inception. I do not like the idea of an individual opinion of one man deciding any important question. What was the case when the chartering of North Carolina Alpha was in question? One man, Beardsley, of the executive committee was opposed to it, but when it was appealed to the convention there was an overwhelming majority in favor of it. As to the Indiana Delta fuss, I am frank to say that I am most strongly opposed to this honorary membership business. I am with you in favor of interdicting by constitutional provision the creation of honorary members. Not one such member in a hundred ever takes any interest or does the fraternity any good; in fact Jim Norris is the only instance I ever knew of an energetic honorary member. But however unwise it may be, the present law allows it, and if chapters see fit to exercise this franchise granted them by the constitution, the executive committee cannot revise their actions. The way to stop the thing is to repeal the law.—George Banta, Franklin, Ind., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., February 4, 1880.

The *University Press* issued yesterday contains the following item: "The remains of what was supposed to be a defunct secret society are to be dug up soon." I do not see how it got out, unless the local editor, being the son of the postmaster, saw the letters coming to me with the $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ arms on them. Well, no use crying over spilt milk. Would it do, that is would it be politic to "badge out" before we get a charter, or would it be better to make sure of that first? The Washington and Lee man will come into the fold next Saturday evening, and we will then number five. I have my eye on two law students, concerning whom I will speak to Brother Vilas in a day or so.—Dan S. McArthur, University of Wisconsin, to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., February 12, 1880.

Kentucky Alpha is booming. Our boys got the lion's share of honors, two prizes out of three and three speakerships. We gave a banquet commencement, which was pronounced the "toniest" event of the week.—George B. Thomas, Maysville, Ky., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., July 5, 1880.

ZETA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

The biennial convention of Zeta Province was held in Kansas City, Mo., November 25, 26, 27 under the auspices of the Kansas City Alumni Club. A better time or place could not have been selected for holding the convention. The annual game of football between the Universities of Kansas and Missouri was held on Thanksgiving afternoon and resulted in a 12-6 victory for Missouri the first victory in a long period of years. It was a game worth going a long distance to see and abounded in spectacular plays. The interest in the game was enhanced by the presence of three Phis on the teams—Brothers Tommy Johnson and "Big John" Lovett on the Kansas team and Brother "Bud" Saunders on the Missouri team. Brother Johnson is reputed to be the star of the Missouri Valley and his playing certainly justified his reputation. There were twenty-eight Phis in the football party and they occupied three boxes and part of a fourth box. Among the party were Brother Frank Lostutter of Kansas Alpha, and his wife who were married two days before the convention and were spending their honeymoon among the Phis of Zeta Province.

Thursday night at the Coates Hotel the delegates and all the Phis in the city were the guests of the Kansas City Alumni Club at a smoker. Between eighty and ninety Phis gathered around the festive board and the flowing bowl and made merry until an exceeding late hour. Never in this part of the country, has been given a more successful smoker and the committee in charge is to be congratulated. The feature of the evening was a performance by Mr. Don Turley of Kansas City who handled the cards and other paraphernalia of the professional magician with a skill which completely baffled the guests. A delegation of Σ N from Missouri University came into the smoker and extended their best wishes to Φ Δ Θ in a manner which was highly gratifying to the Phis present.

Friday afternoon the delegates and officers and their wives were the guests of the alumni club in an automobile ride around Kansas City's famous boulevards. Brothers Moulton and Hughes were inadvertently left behind but, thanks to the kindness of Brother Markey of Pennsylvania Zeta, were able to take the same drive Sunday morning. To those who had never been over Kansas City's boulevards the ride was a wonderful one and all agreed that Kansas City is to be most heartily congratulated on her splendid system of boulevards and her magnificent residences and public buildings. The cars used in the

ride were furnished by Brothers Elliot Jones, Tennessee Alpha; Crawford James, Rhode Island Alpha; W. H. Knepp, Kansas Alpha; E. E. Smith, Missouri Alpha, and Jack Mardey, Pennsylvania Zeta.

Friday night was devoted to Trixie Friganza and "The American Idea" at the Willis Wood Theater. The Phis with their ladies, numbering eighty-four, occupied the whole tier of boxes in the salon balcony. The play was thoroughly enjoyed and after the performance a small reception was held in the reception rooms of the theater.

Saturday night the convention closed with the annual banquet of the Kansas City Alumni Club. The attendance at the banquet was between sixty and seventy which was smaller than usual due to the fact that Speaker Cannon and Senator Gore both gave lectures in the city that evening. The banquet was held at the Coates Hotel in the main dining room which was tastefully decorated with flowers and the pennants of all the chapters in Zeta Province—together with a large Phi banner. During the dinner music was furnished by the hotel orchestra. The orchestra entered into the spirit of the occasion and played many college airs and popular songs besides such music as generally accompanies a banquet.

After the report of the committees on resolutions and secret work the toastmaster of the evening Dr. C. A. Ritter of Indiana Alpha was introduced by Brother Cowles. Brother Ritter gave one of the best talks ever made in Kansas City by a toastmaster at a Phi banquet. His remarks were greeted with great applause and many smiles which showed that his audience was fully appreciating the keen shafts of wit which the foxy doctor shot forth from time to time. The past and present of those who were to make toasts was laid bare in a most appalling manner.

After the toastmasters speech, Brother Hallegan of Nebraska Alpha, on behalf of his chapter, in token of the esteem and affection which they hold for our worthy historian of the general council, presented Brother Lamkin with a lovely, juicy lemon pie. Brother Lamkin responded in his usual happy vein and after the banquet distributed the pie to the fortunate Phis who were hanging around in anticipation of the treat.

Then followed the toasts. It is hard to conceive of a better list of speakers. Brother Wm. Allen White of Emporia, Kan., was to have been the star of the evening, but was unavoidably detained and we had five stars instead of one. Brother S. K.

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Ruick talked on "Phi Delta Theta." He pointed out in a very definite manner the needs of Phi Delta Theta. His remarks on the generally impotency and lethargy of alumni clubs were well timed and it is hoped that at the next convention which Brother Ruick attends he will find the alumni clubs all over the country "up and doing."

Brother C. F. Lamkin spoke on "The Future of Phi Delta Theta." Brother Lamkin is historian of the general council and what he doesn't know about the fraternities past, present and future is not worth knowing. Phi Delta Theta's past was displayed before our view in vivid terms and her future pointed out in glowing words. No one who heard Brother Lamkin can doubt for a minute the great future which lies before our Fraternity.

Brother John Outland of Kansas Alpha and Pennsylvania Zeta, the only man who has ever been honored with a place on the all-American football team in two different positions in two successive years responded most brilliantly to the toast on "Phis in Athletics." Reference was made to the great athletes who in the past have won honor for both the sword and shield of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ and the colors of their alma maters. His remarks on the relation between the growth of civilization and the advancement of athletics were scholarly. One story told by the worthy doctor is well worth repeating. Brother Outland had the pleasure of seeing the annual Harvard-Yale game in 1897 in which the blue triumphed over the crimson by the work of their plucky quarterback, our worthy president—"Polly" Ruick. Brother Ruick had appeared all through the game with a cloth tied around his mouth. After a brilliant run in which he dodged man after man and covered a great distance, a spectator sitting next to Brother Outland asked why the quarterback had the cloth around his mouth. The reply was, that the quarterback had tonsilitis. The spectator then exclaimed, "My word! What would he do if he had diphtheria?" By a happy coincidence both Brothers Outland and Ruick were present at the banquet.

Brother Geo. English responded to the toast of "Phi Spirit" and most entertainingly gave us some reminiscences of Phis he had met at other conventions and who are now enrolled as members of the Chapter Grand.

Brother P. R. Hallegan of Nebraska Alpha responded to the toast, "Zeta Province," in a most befitting manner and upheld the honor of the undergraduate Phis.

We are very fortunate in having with us in Kansas City

Brother Hoyt Dobbs of Tennessee Alpha and Alabama Alpha. He has recently moved to Kansas City and is pastor of one of the largest Methodist churches in the West. Brother Dobbs was called on extemporaneously and fully upheld the reputation of the silver-tongued Phis of the great South. He has lived in every section of our country and told of the Phis he had met everywhere and of their great hospitality and loyalty to $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.

Brother Dobbs' toast concluded the evening programme and left nothing to be desired.



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An auto mishap on the sight-seeing expedition.

After the banquet, for the benefit of some of our old Phis, who have not been within chapter walls for many years, all the members present arranged themselves in the usual manner and the grip was passed from hand to hand. The secret work was given by Brothers Lamkin and Ruick. This simple ceremony brought back many happy and tender memories of bygone days to the old Phis and in their eyes could be seen a tear which came from their innermost heart and which typified the undying loyalty which lives forever in the heart of every true Phi.

After the banquet a reception was held in the parlors of the Coates Hotel to meet Mrs. S. K. Ruick the wife of our president. All were delighted to meet one of the most loyal of our Phi sisters.

During the reception Brother Moses, the delegate from Illinois Beta, pushed his way through the throng and with a few very kind and appropriate remarks presented Brother F. R. Cowles, vice-president of Zeta Province, with a beautiful Phi pin, on behalf of the delegates and officers of the convention. Brother Cowles was overcome with joy and gratitude and could only say a few words to show his appreciation of the great honor bestowed on him by the Phis present at the convention.

On behalf of the delegates, who were so royally entertained by the Kansas City Alumni Club during the convention, I want to thank the members of that club and those Phis who so ably assisted in making the convention of 1910 one memorable in the history of Zeta Province and we all hope that at some future time we shall again have the pleasure of assembling in convention with our dear brothers of Kansas City.

HOMER H. BERGER, *Kansas*, '11,
Secretary of the Convention.

THE INTER-FRATERNITY CONFERENCE.

Pursuant to a call issued by President W. H. P. Faunce, of Brown University, representing the Religious Education Association, representatives from twenty-six college fraternities met at the University Club, New York City, Saturday, November 27, 1909. With the call there was sent a suggestion of the following topics as the basis for discussion at the meeting:

CURRENT PROBLEMS IN FRATERNITY LIFE.

1. The relation of the fraternity chapter to the college administration. Should the college ignore or utilize the fraternity? Should the fraternity confer with the administration of the college?
2. The influence of the fraternities on
 - (a) the expense of a college course;
 - (b) manners and social habits;
 - (c) serious scholarship;
 - (d) moral standards;
 - (e) college loyalty and solidarity.
3. The evils connected with present systems of pledging new members. How can they be minimized or avoided?
4. The proper control of chapter houses
 - (a) by the college?
 - (b) by undergraduates?
 - (c) by alumni?
5. The unification of the various chapters
 - (a) by executive councils, or boards of trustees;
 - (b) by conventions, national and local;

- (c) by publications, periodical or occasional;
 - (d) by a traveling secretary.
6. The relation of the local alumni of a fraternity to the undergraduate members. Should alumni
 - (a) encourage in all cases establishment of chapter houses?
 - (b) offer financial aid in maintaining such houses?
 - (c) appoint a resident manager?
 - (d) supervise matters financial, hygienic, culinary, and moral?
 7. The relations of the fraternities to one another. Should they ignore one another, or undertake official co-operation?
 8. The relation of fraternities to the life of the nation. Have they any duty beyond their own membership? If so, what?

The members of the conference assembled in the council chamber of the club between nine and ten A. M., and at the latter hour the meeting was called to order by President Faunce who stated briefly that at a meeting of the college section of the Religious Education Association held in Chicago some months before, so much interest was aroused in subjects connected with college and fraternity life that there seemed to be a general desire that a meeting of representatives of different fraternities be held for conference concerning them. He emphasized the statement made in all communications to the several fraternities interested that the delegates were understood to have no power to act for their respective organizations, the conference being purely informal. He expressed his gratification at the cordial response which his call had elicited, the names of over sixty delegates officially appointed having been sent to him. He then nominated as officers of the conference, Hamilton W. Mabie, A Δ Φ, as chairman and Francis W. Shepardson, B Θ Π, as secretary, and they were unanimously chosen for the places stated.

After the roll had been called, the chairman asked for suggestions as to the topics to be discussed announcing that the speakers would be limited to ten minutes.

William Raymond Baird, B Θ Π, suggested that the proper control of chapter house by the college authorities, the undergraduates or the alumni was the most important of the current problems outlined in the call and supported his contention by a brief statement. A general discussion followed covering a good many phases of college fraternity life which was participated in by Clarence F. Birdseye, X Ψ; Francis Lynde Stetson, A Δ Φ; Dr. Oscar H. Rogers, Σ Φ; James B. Curtis, Δ T Δ; Carl A. Harstrom, Θ Δ X; Julian McCarry, K A (S); J. Duane Livingston, Δ Φ; Charles H. Eldridge, Σ X; and representa-

tives of $\text{B} \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $X \Phi$, $\Sigma A E$, $Z \Psi$, $\Phi K \Sigma$, ΣN , $K \Sigma$ and $\Delta K E$.

During the course of the proceedings several related topics were brought forward with definite propositions for action, but after free discussion each was withdrawn.

After a recess for luncheon, which was served in the adjoining club room, the conference reassembled, and after several resolutions were informally presented and discussed with much latitude and fine fraternity spirit, the following resolution offered by Dr. Oscar H. Rogers, $\Sigma \Phi$, was adopted:

RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this conference that the college fraternities should sanction and participate in the formation of a permanent Inter-fraternity Conference, to meet each year for the purpose of discussing questions of mutual interest and of presenting to the fraternities represented such recommendations as the said conference may deem wise, it being understood that the functions of such conference shall be purely advisory.

The matter of communicating this resolution and the proceedings of the conference to the fraternities represented, and to other similar organizations not yet represented, was on motion intrusted to a committee of five of which President Faunce was chairman, he being given authority to select the other members of the committee.

On motion of J. Duane Livingston, $\Delta \Phi$, numbers 1, 3 and 7 of the "Current Problems in Fraternity Life," classified above, were selected for discussion at the proposed future conference and committees of five members each were appointed to investigate existing conditions, gather information and report recommendations to such future sessions.

The chairman, following numerous nominations from the floor, appointed these committees as follows:

1. *On the relation of the fraternity chapter to the college administration*—Dr. Oscar H. Rogers, $\Sigma \Phi$, chairman; James C. Hallock, $\Theta \Delta X$; Paul R. Hickock, $A T \Omega$; Carlton H. Hayes, $A X P$; Haseltine Smith, $\Phi K \Sigma$.

2. *On the evils connected with the present system of pledging new members*—Howard S. Harrington, $\Delta K E$, chairman; John K. MacDonald, Jr., $X \Psi$; Thomas Ewing, Jr., ΣX ; Shepard A. Morgan, $A \Delta \Phi$; William L. Phillips, $\Sigma \Phi E$.

3. *On the relation of the Fraternities to one another*—Alfred Roelker, Jr., $X \Phi$, chairman; James B. Curtis, $\Delta T \Delta$; J. Duane Livingston, $\Delta \Phi$; Frederick R. Drake, $Z \Psi$; John B. Ballou, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

On motion, the chairman Dr. Hamilton W. Mabie, $A \Delta \Phi$.

and the Secretary Francis W. Shepardson, **B Θ II**, were constituted ex-officio members of each committee.

A motion made by J. Duane Livingston, **ΔΦ**, that the expense for the preparation and publication of the minutes of this conference be met by an assessment upon each fraternity represented, was withdrawn when William Raimond Baird, editor of the *Beta Theta Pi* offered to furnish proof sheets of such minutes to each delegate provided the secretary would furnish him with an authoritative copy. This offer was accepted with appreciation.

A resolution of thanks to President Faunce for calling the conference was passed and Dr. Faunce being called on expressed his great satisfaction with the hearty response with which his call had been met and with the spirit of harmony and inter-fraternity comity which characterized the meeting.

With a resolution of thanks to the chairman and secretary of the conference and to the management of the University Club for its courtesies the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

HAMILTON W. MABIE, **A ΔΦ**, Chairman.

FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON, **B Θ II**, Secretary.

SCHEDULE OF ATTENDANTS AT THE CONFERENCE.

ALPHA CHI RHO—Maylin Joseph Pickering, *Pennsylvania*; Carlton Huntley Hayes, *Columbia*.

ALPHA DELTA PHI—Shepard A. Morgan, *Williams*; C. R. Ganter, *Kenyon*; Francis Lynde Stetson, *Williams*.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA—H. M. Crooks; Rev. Paul R. Hickock, *Wooster*.

BETA THETA PI—Francis W. Shepardson, *Dennison*; Willis O. Robb, *Ohio Wesleyan*; Francis H. Sisson, *Knox*; William Raimond Baird, *Stevens*; Raimond Duy Baird, *Wesleyan*.

CHI PHI—Alfred Roelker, Jr., *Amherst*; Arthur V. Lyall, *Amherst*.

CHI PSI—Clarence F. Birdseye, *Amherst*; Albert S. Bard, *Amherst*; John K. MacDonald, Jr., *Georgia*.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON—Howard S. Harrington, *Columbia*; James A. Hawes, *Yale*; Rev. St. Clair Hester, *North Carolina*.

DELTA PHI—James Duane Livingston, *Columbia*; Nelson P. Lewis, *Rensselaer Poly. Inst.*; J. W. Comey, *Brown*.

DELTA SIGMA PHI—H. W. Lefkovics, *C. C. N. Y.*

DELTA TAU DELTA—James B. Curtis, *Butler*; Rev. Charles H. Wells, *Tufts*; F. F. Rogers, *Stanford*.

DELTA UPSILON—W. H. P. Faunce, *Brown*; William O. Miller, *Pennsylvania*; Goldwin Goldsmith, *Columbia*.

KAPPA ALPHA (Northern)—Robert Gilman, *Williams*.

KAPPA ALPHA (Southern)—W. B. Pritchard, *Wake Forest*; Hon. Julian McCarry, *Georgia*.

KAPPA SIGMA—J. S. Ferguson

PHI DELTA THETA—John B. Ballou, *Wooster*; Carroll W. Doten, *Vermont*; Geo. Banta, *Indiana*.

PHI GAMMA DELTA—O. H. Cheney, *Michigan*.

PHI KAPPA PSI—David Halstead, *Pennsylvania*; Henry H. Corkle, *Washington and Lee*.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA—Haseltine Smith, *Pennsylvania*; Oscar O. Houston, *Columbia*; John P. Baer, *Maryland*.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA—John W. Goff, Jr., *Columbia*; George J. Vogel, *Cornell*.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON—George D. Kimball, *Denver*; Albert M. Austin, *Ohio Wesleyan*.

SIGMA CHI—C. H. Eldridge, *Purdue*; Thomas Ewing, Jr., *Wooster*; Rev. George A. K. Gessler, *Bucknell*.

SIGMA NU—Rev. Albert H. Wilson, *Mt. Union*.

SIGMA PHI—Dr. Oscar H. Rogers, *Union*; Stuart H. Brown, *Cornell*.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON—William L. Phillips, *Richmond*; J. C. Griffin, *Syracuse*.

THETA DELTA CHI—James C. Hallock, *Rensselaer Poly. Inst.*; Carl A. Harstrom, *Hobart*.

ZETA PSI—C. A. Moss, *Toronto*; Fred R. Drake *Lafayette*.

[Mem. No responses were received from Delta Psi, Omega Pi Alpha and Pi Kappa Alpha. Psi Upsilon stated that no delegate could be sent but that the matter would be placed before the fraternity. No invitations were sent to Theta Chi, Theta Xi, Pi Kappa Phi, Alpha Sigma Phi and Sigma Pi because Dr. Faunce did not know of them.]

ROYAL EUBANK CABELL.

The most recent addition to the list of public men which $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has furnished the different departments of governmental service is Royal E. Cabell, *Roanoke*, '97, who, on September 1, 1909, assumed the duties of the office of United States commissioner of internal revenue to which he had been appointed by President Taft a few months previous.

The Washington Post, in a lengthy article published on the eve of Brother Cabell's entrance into office, makes the following pointed inquiries concerning the new commissioner, in which the writer of this personal sketch will endeavor briefly to reply: "Who is Cabell—he whom the Payne act invests with authority to assess the corporations of this country one per cent of their net income? What sort is he? Where does he hail from? What are his qualifications? Why did Mr. Taft select him for this important office? Can he make good?"

Royal Eubank Cabell hails from Virginia and comes of a distinguished family whose name has been identified with the history of the Old Dominion for more than two hundred years. Without going into a lengthy genealogical sketch, it is sufficient to say that a Cabell was once chief justice of the supreme court of Virginia. Colonel William Cabell, his great-great grandfather, was a member of the historic committee of safety,



ROYAL E. CABELL, *Roanoke*, '97.
United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

which included Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and five other distinguished colonial patriots. His great-grandfather was a colonel in the Revolution and for six terms a member of congress from Virginia. If judged primarily by the record of his progenitors the youthful commissioner could have no one but himself to blame should he fail to "make good." But a glance at his brief career shows that he has done things himself. Born March 12, 1878, he is the son of Patrick Henry and Bettie Eubank Cabell, of "Inglewood," Nelson county, Va. He entered Roanoke College at the age of fifteen, where he was initiated into Virginia Alpha, the pioneer chapter of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in Virginia. Graduating with the degree of A. B. in 1897, he immediately entered Princeton from which institution he received his master's degree one year later. He took the summer law course at the University of Virginia in 1901, received the degree of B. L. from the law department of Richmond College in June 1904, and at once formed a copartnership with his brother, P. H. C. Cabell, already a member of the Richmond bar, under the style of Cabell & Cabell. He was remarkably successful from the beginning and soon built up a valuable clientele, his firm making a specialty of corporation and insurance law.

Meanwhile young Cabell had entered the field of politics, for which he had already shown a decided inclination. Although coming of Democratic stock—with a strain of Whig in it—and notwithstanding the fact that his father was an uncompromising member of the dominant political party of the state, young Cabell was a firm believer in sound money. He therefore declined to support Bryan and cast his first vote in a national election for McKinley and Roosevelt. Having supported the Republican ticket, he became at once identified with that party, and becoming active in political affairs and displaying marked ability as an advocate of Republican principles, he was chosen an elector on the Roosevelt-Fairbanks ticket in 1904 and made a canvas of the state in that campaign.

In 1906 there were several active candidates for the much coveted postmastership at Richmond and the contest waxed warm for that office resulting in a complex political situation. Finally, it is said, Mr. Roosevelt sent for Cabell and without solicitation tendered him the office. After some hesitation as to the wisdom of sacrificing a lucrative law practice for political preferment he finally decided to accept the appointment, much to the delight of his friends and the satisfaction of the con-

servative business element of Richmond. The office, it is said, was then in a demoralized condition. Today, the postmaster-general says it is one of the best managed in the country—a model which is emulated by the postmasters of the other cities in Virginia. The result, it is admitted, was brought about by Cabell's remarkable executive ability, industry and devotion to the good of the service. He was instrumental in organizing a state postmaster's association, the object of which was the elevation of the standard of efficiency in the postal service. He was chosen president of this organization and also elected a member of the executive committee of the national association of postmasters.

Perhaps the postmaster-general told Mr. Taft something about Cabell when the President was looking around for a new commissioner of internal revenue, but that is not a matter of record. However, he seems to have attracted the favorable attention of the President, as being possessed of those qualifications necessary to master the intricate details of the office mentioned, as well as to construe and put into effect the provision of the new tariff law which imposes a tax upon the income of the corporations of the country.

His appointment has been received with favor by the rank and file of the Republican party in the State of Virginia by the Democrats as well, and especially by the business interests of the city which he served in the capacity of postmaster. As an evidence of the latter a complimentary dinner was given Brother Cabell by a number of the most prominent business men of Richmond on the evening of August 28, 1909, at which the mayor of the city presided and toasts were responded to by representative citizens. The event was a most significant one and was marked by the best of good fellowship between men of different political faiths. Democrats and Republicans alike congratulated their guest upon his well deserved promotion to the office mentioned, and united in expressions of regret at the loss of his public services as postmaster. One of the speakers in closing said :

Mr. Cabell has done more to bring about a spirit of respect and good feeling between the political parties in Richmond than any other Republican of the day. I am sure that in his wider sphere of activity he will uphold the ideals of the South, which means no clinging to the dead past, but rather arise to the call of the hour. In this way, and in this way only, can we prove worthy sons of our worthy sires.

The Washington *Post*, in the article already referred to,

draws the following pen picture of Brother Cabell which in no wise flatters him:

He is a fine specimen of young manhood. Six feet, one and a half inches he measures, and his weight fits his stature. He is well proportioned, muscular and athletic. On his shoulders sets a well shaped head. In his black eyes shine the light of kindness and gentleness. The lines of his chin and jaw betoken firmness and resolution. Energy is written all over him, yet he is modest and unpretentious, and has an innate courtesy which is charming. The corporations which objected to the Taft scheme of taxation should find him an agreeable man to do business with, for Cabell has no exaggerated notions about himself. At the same time he has a proper sense of his responsibility, not only to the government, but to the public who support it.

Brother Cabell was married in November 1908 to Miss Lillian Lorraine, of Richmond, Va., a charming young woman of superior mental endowments, who will prove a fit helpmate for her talented husband.

Although only in his thirty-second year, and, without doubt, the youngest man who has ever sat in the commissioner's chair, we feel sure that Brother Cabell will discharge in a most acceptable manner the duties of that office, thereby meeting the most sanguine expectations of his friends, confirming the good judgment of the President in appointing him, and reflecting honor upon the Fraternity which claims him as a member.

HARRY L. WATSON, *Richmond, '91.*

ASTRONOMY REVOLUTIONIZED BY A PHI'S DISCOVERIES.

Thos. P. Nichols & Sons, Publishers, of Lynn, Mass., announce that in May, 1910, they will offer to the public the second volume of Prof. T. J. J. See's "Researches on the Evolution of the Stellar Systems," of which the first appeared in 1896. The work now in press and soon to appear, it may be confidently anticipated, will prove notable in the history of the theories of cosmogony. As is well known, it deals with a subject which has engaged the uninterrupted attention of the author for a quarter of a century; but it is chiefly within the past two years that he has succeeded in making the remarkable discoveries recently made public through the columns of the *Astronomische Nachrichten*. These have given a new aspect to the whole science of cosmogony, and have consisted in the development of the capture theory, which has awakened profound interest throughout the scientific world.

Heretofore the problems of cosmogony have been considered

well-nigh hopeless if not entirely insoluble. It is barely three years since the late Professor Newcomb, one of the greatest astronomers of modern times, declared (in *Popular Astronomy* for November, 1906, page 572) that he "still retained a little incredulity as to our power, in the present state of science, to



THOMAS JEFFERSON JACKSON SEE, *Missouri*, '89.

reach even a high degree of probability in cosmogony." In view of the false premises underlying all the reasoning since the time of Laplace, and the resulting failure of many eminent investigators who attempted to solve the problem, such incredulity is not remarkable. But by a singular coincidence, that which was held to be a hopeless problem to be left to future genera-

tions was in fact solved during the last year of Newcomb's lifetime, by a young friend and associate in American astronomy, who was fortunate enough to discover the false premises underlying the previous reasoning. The correctness and validity of Professor See's reasoning is already widely recognized by eminent mathematicians, and the triumph of the capture theory is a foregone conclusion. Some of the important and impressive results proved by the combination of mathematical theory with observational research, and fully demonstrated in his forthcoming book, are as follows:

That the solar system was formed from a spiral nebula internally devoid of hydrostatic pressure, and therefore the planets have not been detached from the sun by rotation, as held by Laplace, but have been captured and added on from the outer parts of the nebula, and are therefore in no sense of the world children of the sun, as has been generally held for more than a century.

That the satellites likewise have been captured by their several planets, and not one of them detached by rotation from the central bodies which now govern their motions. Accordingly they are not, as we have so long been taught, children of the planets and grandchildren of the sun, but were originally independent planets, moving in regular elliptical orbits about the central mass of our system, and were subsequently captured by the several planets about which they now revolve as satellites.

That our moon, likewise, was originally a planet which neared the earth and was finally captured and made a satellite. It was no part of the terrestrial globe detached by rapid rotation, as has been generally believed since the time of Anaxagoras, B. C. 500-428, and more recently taught by Laplace, Lord Kelvin, Sir George Darwin, Poincaré, and other eminent writers.

That the asteroids are the surviving remnants of millions of small planets with which our solar nebula was originally filled. At one time they extended over the whole planetary system, but most of them have at length been swallowed up by colliding with the larger bodies, and those which survive have been thrown mainly within the orbit of Jupiter.

That the rotations of the planets on their axes have been produced by the capture and absorption of these small bodies, which may be called either asteroids or satellites.

The moon was once an independent planet, and when revolving in the region of the asteroids suffered numerous collisions with satellites; this is the cause of the immense, round, sunken craters which have puzzled astronomers since the time of Galileo. The traditional theory that they are volcanic is quite devoid of foundation, and now definitely and finally disproved.

The collisions of satellites with the larger globes, as shown by the battered surface of our moon, give rise to part of the light of the nebulae, and no doubt also to some of the cosmical dust with which they are filled.

The theories long current in geology and astronomy that the earth once rotated in two or three hours, so rapidly that it threw off a layer of peripheral matter now collected into the moon, are shown to be quite devoid of foundation. The effect of this advance will be to show that

the globe never was highly oblate, and to correct the theories of geology, and greatly improve the science of astronomy.

Volume II of "Researches on the Evolution of the Stellar Systems" will consist of twenty-four chapters and will include more than 500 pages quarto, with about 150 illustrations.

Professor See is a member of Missouri Alpha. The following biographical sketch is quoted from "Who's Who:"

Thomas Jefferson Jackson See, astronomer, mathematician; born near Montgomery City, Mo., February 19, 1866; son of Noah and Mary A. (Sailor) See; graduated, University of Missouri, A. B., L. B., S. B., 1889; University of Berlin, A. M., Ph. D., 1892.

In charge of observatory, University of Missouri, 1887-9; volunteer observer, Royal Observatory, Berlin, 1891; traveled in Italy, Egypt, Greece, Germany and England, 1890-2; organized and had charge of department of astronomy, and aided in organization of Yerkes Observatory, University of Chicago, 1893-6; astronomer, Lowell Observatory, in charge of survey of southern heavens, 1896-8; with 24-inch Clark refractor at Flagstaff, Ariz., and City of Mexico, examined about 200,000 fixed stars in zone between 15 and 65 degrees south declination, which led to discovery and measurement of about 600 new double stars and re-measurement of some 1400 double stars previously recognized by Sir John Herschel and other observers.

Lecturer on sidereal astronomy, Lowell Institute, Boston, 1899; professor of mathematics, U. S. N. S., since 1899; in charge of 26-inch equatorial telescope, U. S. Naval Observatory, 1899-02; professor of mathematics, U. S. Naval Academy, 1902-3, Naval Observatory, Mare Island, Cal., since 1903.

During 1901-2 investigated diameters of planets and satellites by daylight, deducing their constants of irradiation and absolute densities.

Published researches on Laplace's Invariable Plane and on the internal densities, pressures, temperatures, rigidities and moments of inertia of the principal bodies of the planetary system, 1903-6. Observed earthquake at San Francisco, April 18, 1906. Has computed about 45 orbits of double stars.

Fellow Royal Astronomical Society; member Astronomische Gesellschaft, American Mathematical Society, American Philosophical Society, Washington Academy of Sciences, Washington Philosophical Society, St. Louis Academy of Sciences, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Deutscher Mathematiker Vereinigung, Société Mathématique de France, London Mathematical Society, Seismological Society of America, Société Française de Physique, Société Astron. de France. Circ. Math. di Palermo, Am. Phys. Soc.

Author: "Die Entwicklung des Doppelstern Systems," Berlin, 1893; "Researches on the Evolution of the Stellar System," Volume I, Lynn, 1906; "Researches on the Physical Constitution and Rigidities of the Heavenly Bodies," Kiel, 1904-6; "Researches on the Physics of the Earth," proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, 1906-7; also double star catalogues and many contributions on astronomical subjects to technical journals and magazines.

Married, Montgomery City, Mo., June 18, 1907, Frances Graves.
Address: Mare Island, Navy Yard, Cal.

McCLUNNEY RADCLIFFE.

Among the many Phis who find time, in the midst of pressing professional duties, to devote to diverse avocations, Dr. McCluney Radcliffe, *Lafayette*, '77 and *Pennsylvania*, '82 is conspicuous.

Born near Lewistown, Pa. June 6, 1854, he spent his boyhood in the beautiful region of the Juniata Valley and entered Lafayette College from which he was graduated in 1877 with the degree of A. B. In 1880 the same institution conferred upon him the degree of master of arts. Following his collegiate course he took his medical work at the University of Pennsylvania receiving his M. D. degree in 1882.

Brother Radcliffe early turned his special attention to diseases of the eye and he is recognized as one of the leading ophthalmologists of the country. He has been resident physician in the Philadelphia Orthopaedic and Germantown Hospitals and is at present attending surgeon of the Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia. He is a member of the county and state medical societies, the American Medical Association, the American Ophthalmological Society and the College of Physicians, Philadelphia. Before the American Ophthalmological Society in 1909 he read a paper entitled "The Choice of Operation for Iridotomy."

Lafayette College has always claimed the interest of Brother Radcliffe and he has been a member of its board of trustees since 1896. It is largely through his efforts that Lafayette is so well equipped with high class fraternity houses made possible largely through financial encouragement on the part of the college. Brother Radcliffe took an especial interest in the erection of Pennsylvania Alpha's beautiful chapter house which was completed in 1908, and is president of the house association.

For many years Brother Radcliffe has been active in Masonic work, having been master of Potter Lodge No. 441; high priest of Palestine Royal Arch Chapter No. 240; thrice illustrious master of Joppa Council No. 46 of Royal and Select Masters; eminent commander of St. Alban Commandery No. 47 Knights Templar; grand marshal of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania 1902-3; division commander of Division Number 1 Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, 1908-9; member of Philadelphia Consistory 32° and junior warden Kilwinning Chapter Rose Croix 18°.

The National Convention of Φ Δ Θ held at Philadelphia in 1896 elected Brother Radcliffe Historian of the General Coun-



McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE, *Lafayette*, 77, Pennsylvania, '82.

cil and he was re-elected to the same office by the Columbus convention in 1898. Although thirty years out of college he has maintained an undiminished interest in his Fraternity and is one of the boys in any of the gatherings of the order which he attends.

On January 1, 1885, Brother Radcliffe was married to Miss Mary E. Funk. They have one daughter Miss Sarah Cunningham Radcliffe.

MIAMI'S TRADITIONS AND STUDENT LIFE.

Old Miami: The Yale of the Early West. By Alfred H. Upham. Illustrated by Alice Rebekah Robinson. Hamilton, Ohio: The Republican Publishing Co. 1909. Cloth, pp. 274, 5 by 7½ inches. \$1, post-paid. Order from W. J. Frazer, Oxford, Ohio.

This is not a history of Miami, such as was published in 1899, but a record of what is known of the student life of the university from the time it was opened in 1824. For many years it was the leading institution of the west. It had high standards of scholarship, it enjoyed a large attendance for that period, and many of its graduates became nationally prominent. No institution of learning founded in the last century has had a more historic career. Under its Φ Δ Θ president during the last seven years, Miami has become far more prosperous than ever before and its attendance and income are now much greater than ever before. The dedication of the book reads: "To President Guy Potter Benton, under whose able administration the Old Miami at last yields contentedly to the New."

Mr. Upham has gathered up and preserved many interesting traditions and reminiscences of by-gone days and has presented them in a very delightful form. He writes in a charming style and his work is one that any college man would enjoy reading.

The book contains chapters on the pioneer days, the literary societies, which were once very strong at Miami, and the Greek-letter fraternities, three of which were founded there. There is a chapter on student pranks, tales of which have been handed down from former generations. The most famous of these was the great "snow rebellion" of 1848, which is narrated in "The History of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity," and was recounted by Dr. Guy Potter Benton in his memorial to Father John Wolfe Lindley, at the national convention of Φ Δ Θ in 1908. Mr. Upham gives ten pages to this episode, besides mentioning it in several other places. It will be remembered that so many members of A Δ Φ and B Θ II were dismissed from college on

account of participation in that affair that those fraternities were broken up, and $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ had the field to itself for about three years after it was founded on December 26, 1848.

The $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ Fraternity is mentioned in several places throughout the book, and there is a ten-page account of its organization and early years. Two minor errors may be noted. One is in stating that the parent chapter limited its active membership to ten. There was no limit, though the number of active members was always small, both before and after 1852, when the existence of the society was publicly announced. The other error is in regard to " ΔKE breaking away from the Phi Deltas." The facts are that two members of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ were expelled for not amending their conduct, after many broken promises to reform, and in consequence three of their intimate friends withdrew. This was in October, 1851, and Benjamin Harrison, afterward president of the United States, presided at the trial. The author says of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ at this time: "It was a splendid crowd, with the stubby figure of Ben Harrison as a leading spirit."

Of the five students whose connection with $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ was thus severed, one joined $A\Delta\Phi$, and four became charter members of a chapter of ΔKE , which was chartered in March, 1852, but did not badge out until a month or more later. An account of the establishment of this chapter, published in the ΔKE *Quarterly*, shows that none of the charter members were approached on the subject of ΔKE until "a few weeks" after the expulsions and resignations from $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ —probably the Christmas holidays of 1851—when "Jacob Cooper, then at Yale, visited his home in the neighborhood." This account was written for the *Quarterly* of April, 1885, by Dr. A. C. Kemper, one of the three who had resigned from $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in 1851; and, to make the story complete, it should be mentioned that, in 1898, he absolved himself from the bonds which connected him with ΔKE and returned to his first love. He was one of the speakers at the semi-centennial convention of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in 1898, and poet at the Golden Jubilee of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ at Miami in 1899.

WALTER B. PALMER.

VANDERBILT'S NEW CHAPTER HOUSE.

From the *Nashville Tennessean*, December 21, 1909.

Last evening at the $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ chapter house a most enjoyable and delightful dance was given. This will be the last dance in

the present club, as preparations have already begun on the tearing away of the present home. The members will begin in the erection immediately of a more convenient, commodious and much handsomer chapter house, which will be ready for their use at the beginning of the next fall term.

From the Nashville *Evening Banner*, December 21, 1909.

Work began today on one of the finest chapter houses in the country, that of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, at the corner of the Hillsboro Pike, or Twenty-first Avenue, and Division Street. It will be located on the site of the old chapter house, will be a brick and stucco structure, three stories high, of the colonial style of architecture. It will contain sixteen sleeping rooms, dining room and kitchen facilities, and several large rooms on the first floor, all of which can be thrown together upon occasion. The old house is now being torn down.

$\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is the oldest chapter at Vanderbilt University. The building which is now being razed was constructed in 1892, and was the pioneer among fraternity clubhouses in the South, except the $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ house erected in 1884 by the chapter at Sewanee.

The building committee is composed of Messrs. Albert E. Howell, Gillespie Adams, Howell E. Jackson, H. S. Vaughan and Fitzgerald Hall.

Much faithful and enthusiastic work for the new building has been done by the members of this building committee, and by the finance committee as well. Upon the latter devolved the responsible duty of raising the funds for this \$14,000 structure. John H. DeWitt is chairman of the finance committee and he was assisted by Will R. Manier, Jr., Robert Rhea, Lee Douglas and A. G. Adams, Jr., and others.

The final dance was given in the old building last night and some of the boys began razing it last night, tearing away boards as souvenirs. The new building was designed by Messrs. Squires and Wynkoop of New York, specialists in the line of fraternity house construction and it is said that the new building will combine every known modern convenience and feature. It is hoped to complete the structure by the first of next September.

Legend under three-column cut of the proposed house in the Nashville *Evening Banner*, December 24, 1909.

The Phis, many years ago, built the first fraternity house at Vanderbilt, and the first in the South, except the $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ house at Sewanee. The old one is now being demolished and in its place by September, 1910, the one above pictured will stand.

TENNESSEE ALPHA'S PROPOSED CHAPTER HOUSE



It will represent all that is elegant and modern in college chapter houses. It will cost \$15,000. Plans were drawn by Squires & Wynkoop of New York, specialists in this line of work.

PHI DELTA THETA IN FICTION.

"A Certain Rich Man," by William Allen White, Kansas, '90, reviewed by Ray Stannard Baker, Lansing, 89, in THE SCROLL for November, has already attracted more attention than any novel issued in many years. The publishers, The Macmillan Company, have kept their presses busy running off new editions. The literary journals continue to give the work the highest praise. It seems that everybody is talking about the book. Dr. Washington Gladden, in a sermon almost entirely devoted to it, declared it to be "the most important piece of fiction of recent years." The book covers a period of over half a century, ending with 1909. It contains a profound discussion of the most important political, economic and social problems which now confront the nation. Its high ethical purpose is what appeals most strongly to the majority of readers, but it abounds in humor and laughter, pathos and tears, and it is full of optimistic philosophy. There are many delightful character delineations—characters which will always live in the reader's memory. In the earlier chapters there are captivating sketches of boyhood types, and all through the book there is enough love making to supply half a dozen ordinary novels. The following passages refer to the badge of Φ Δ Θ:

And so it happened that Neal Dow Ward made his first call on Jeanette Barclay with his sister, and they all sat on the porch together that fine spring evening, with the perfume of the lilacs in the air; and it happened naturally enough that the curious human law of attraction which unites youth should draw the chairs of the two young people together as they talked of the things that interest youth—the parties and the ball game and the fraternities and the sororities, and the freshman picnic and the senior grind. . . . Nor is it strange that after the girl had shown the boy her Pi Phi pin and he had shown her his Phi Delta shield, they should fall to talking of the new songs, and that they should slip into the big living room of the Barclay home, lighted by the electric lamps in the hall, and that she should sit down to the piano to show him how the new song went.

The foregoing is quoted from page 301, the following paragraphs from page 313:

She is sitting on a balustrade, and he is standing beside her, and their hands are close together on the stones. "Yes," he is saying, "I shall be busy at the train tomorrow trying to catch the governor for an interview on the railroad question, and may not see you."

"I wish you would throw the governor into the deep blue sea," she says and he responds:—

"I wish I could." There is a silence, and then he risks it—and the thing he has been trying to say comes out, "I wonder if you will do something for me Jeanette?"

"Oh, I don't know—don't ask me anything hard—not very hard, Neal!"

The last word was all he cared for, and by what sleight of hand he slipped his fraternity pin from his vest into her hand, neither ever knew.

"Will you?" he asks. "For me?"

She pins it at her throat, and smiles. Then she says, "Is this long enough—do you want it back now?"

He shakes his head, and finally she asks, "When?" and then it comes out:—

"Never."

And her face reddens, and she does not speak. Their hands, on the wall, have met—they first touch, that is all, but they do not hasten apart. A long, long time they are silent—an eternity of a minute; and then she says, "We shall see in the morning."

CALIFORNIA ALPHA'S FOOTBALL DINNER.

The annual football dinner given by California Alpha to its alumni and other Phis was held at the chapter house in Berkeley on the evening of November 11. In point of attendance it was a great success, there being nearly eighty Phis present, representing classes from 1873 to 1913.

According to custom Brother Louis Titus furnished the ducks, having made a special trip to his preserves on the marshes for the occasion.

We were honored by having a number of the Stanford Phis with us and the bantering of the two chapters in regard to the coming football game was interesting and laughable. A most delightful evening was spent and the alumni have come to look upon this annual gathering as one of the chief occasions for renewing their pledges in $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ and in awakening their interest in the affairs of the active chapter. Much enthusiasm was engendered and the chapter hopes soon to pay off the indebtedness on the chapter house and to be in a position to go ahead with a fine lodge suitable for the chapter.

Brother Henry Melvin, associate justice of the Supreme Court of California, was toastmaster. He is noted for his past mastership in the art of presiding at banquets and his reputation in no wise suffered on this occasion. The following speakers responded to toasts selected by the toastmaster at the moment and for the occasion:

Frank Otis, '73, "Why Football Should be Eliminated." Frank M. Parcells, '91, "The Profoundness of the Profoundidity of the Profound." Jno. Walter Roberts, *Stanford*, '10, (in place of Harry Robertson, *Stanford*, '07), "Why Stanford Will Lose the Football Game to California." George D. Kierulff, '96, "Why the Odd Numbered Classes are Better than the Even Numbered." Rev. Wm. N. Friend, '96, "My Friend, Satan." R. Roy Cowles, '10, "Why California Can't Win the Football Game."

Much laughter and embarrassment was evidenced upon the announcement of the toasts, but all the speakers succeeded in satisfying the toastmaster on the subjects assigned. The alumni voted the active chapter a band of "good fellows" and departed with the Phikeia yell and cheers for the chapters and the football teams, California having five men (three playing and two substitutes), and Stanford one man on their respective teams.

G. DUDLEY KIERULFF, *California*, '96.

IT'S OUR FRATERNITY.

AIR: "*Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes.*"

Deep in the mem'ry of each son,
Phi Delta Theta lives,
Truly and sweetly guiding each one,
As strength to all it gives.
There is no name to us so fair;
We shout it aloud today,
And long it vibrates on the air,
It's OUR Fraternity!

We love thee when the morning light
Sends shadows tow'd the west;
Firmly we stand, with youth's strong might;
To thee ascribe our best.
(Softly) We love thee in the evening gray,
When shadows steal along,
A loyal band, to thee, to thee,
We chant our twilight song.

Flung to the breeze from yonder tower
The white and azure blue
Flutter and wave from hour to hour,
And bid us still be true!
No matter what our weal or woe,
No matter where our way,
The world will always hear and know
Of OUR Fraternity.

HERBERT KNIGHT DENNIS, *Allegheny*, '10.

EDITORIAL.

IN a lengthy editorial, published in *THE SCROLL* for last September, we called attention to the fact that fraternities were being more strongly attacked than they had been in a long time before, that college faculties had given out statistics showing that the average of scholarship among students who were members of fraternities was lower than among students who were not members of fraternities, and that presidents and deans of leading universities had publicly proclaimed that the influence of fraternities was in certain respects harmful, and had strongly intimated that, unless the fraternities should become better regulated, the college authorities would take a hand in reforming them, and some went so far as to threaten coercion or even abolition unless the fraternities themselves should amend their ways. These ominous signs of disapproval of fraternities as at present conducted made us urge the formation of a Pan-Hellenic Council, which would discuss the features of fraternity life that are the subject of much criticism and, through co-operation, attempt to bring about a change for the better. We are, therefore, greatly pleased that, within such a short time, a meeting was held to discuss such matters. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the official proceedings of the Inter-Fraternity Conference, which was held in New York City on November 27. This conference was called by President Faunce of Brown University. It was a very harmonious and very successful meeting. It was attended by fifty-eight fraternity men, representing twenty-six fraternities—all the general college fraternities for men except a very few. It was the most important meeting of the kind that has even been held. It decided upon the formation of a permanent Inter-Fraternity Conference, to meet annually, "for the purpose of discussing questions of mutual interest and of presenting to the fraternities represented such recommendations as the said conference may deem wise, it being understood that the functions of such conference shall be purely advisory."

AN excellent list of topics was presented to the conference, and some of them were discussed, but, as the meeting did not extend beyond one day, it was not practicable, so we are informed, to discuss them all. We note that Mr. William R. Baird suggested that the most important subject was "The proper control of chapter houses by college authorities, the undergraduates or the alumni." From the list of topics the conference selected three for discussion at the next meeting—"The relation of the fraternity chapter to the college administration," "The evils connected with present systems of pledging new members," and "The relations of fraternities to one another." Three committees, each of five members, were appointed on these subjects—"to investigate existing conditions, gather information and report recommendations" to future sessions. It will be seen that a splendid start toward Pan-Hellenism has been made. It has long been contended that there was too much antagonism between the various fraternities for them to act in unison on any subject, but the results of the recent conference tend to disprove that notion. The sororities have made a great success of their Pan-Hellenic Council, and it has introduced many reforms in the sorority system. The unanimity exhibited at the New York meeting was as gratifying as it was surprising, and we see no reason why a Pan-Hellenic Council for men—or a permanent Inter-Fraternity Conference if that designation is preferred—should not be the means of eliminating all just grounds of complaint against fraternities, and of so solidifying and strengthening the fraternities that they will become even more important and useful factors in college life than they are now. We congratulate Phi Delta Theta and other fraternities on an auspicious beginning.

THE revised constitution, code and other general statutes, having recently been printed and distributed to chapters, should now be carefully studied by all active members. It is of course especially important that they should be closely studied by the

officers. Indeed a chapter cannot be properly conducted unless the officers are familiar with all the laws of the Fraternity. The book of laws is a volume of considerable size, but it is well indexed for convenient reference. It summarizes all the wisdom in regard to the management of a fraternity and its chapters that Phi Delta Theta has been able to acquire in an experience of over sixty years. It contains directions which, if carefully followed, will make each chapter successful. Especial attention should be given to the new title in the code relating to the regulation of chapter houses.

EACH officer has certain duties specified in the code. The greatest responsibility rests upon the president. He should see that the other officers perform their duties properly and promptly. He should see that the secretary keeps in proper form a record of the meetings in a durable book, that proper account books are kept by the treasurer and reporter, that the reporter shall forward fraternity dues promptly to the T. G. C., that the reporter shall forward news letters at the right time for each issue of *THE SCROLL*, that the historian's annual report is properly and fully filled out and forwarded on the specified date, that the annual circular letter is prepared in a creditable style, and not in a slipshod manner, and forwarded at the right time. The president shall also appoint the membership committee, the scholarship committee and the examination committee, and see that each properly performs its functions.

THE historian's office is no sinecure, and we wish to call especial attention to his duties. In the first place, he shall write a history of the chapter for the college year, and this is a very important requirement, which we fear is frequently neglected. He shall preserve biographical data and keep the chapter roll book entered up to date, keep a chapter scrap-book and photographic album, have charge of the chapter library and archives, preserve all college, fraternity and chapter publica-

tions, collect books written by members of the Fraternity and all books written by members of the chapter, and especially collect and have bound as complete a file of **THE SCROLL** and *The Palladium* as can possibly be obtained. Now that most chapters are permanently located in chapter houses, they should take a pride in their libraries and in the careful preservation of their archives and of college memorabilia. In visiting chapters general officers and alumni would be greatly pleased to find that all of the chapter records are kept in good order. The code requires that each chapter shall have a group photograph taken annually on March 15 or as near that date as possible, and that a copy of the same shall be sent to the fraternity librarian. It requires that a visitor's register should be kept, and a form of calendar is prescribed, to avoid overlooking any date when the statutes provide for special observances or the by-laws require certain duties to be performed.

TEAM work is necessary to make a chapter successful. Therefore all active members, as well as the officers, should make themselves familiar with the general statutes; and for this purpose it would be well for each chapter to hold several meetings especially for the reading and discussion of the laws. It is necessary for the new members to study the statutes in order to pass the fraternity examination which is required to obtain a shingle or certificate of membership. Each initiate should commit the Bond to memory, and should learn all about the organization of the Fraternity, the rights and privileges of chapters, and the rights and privileges of active, associate and alumni members. He should also become familiar with the chapter by-laws. It should be the pride of all members to become "bright" This, that is to learn all that they can about the government, history and traditions of the Fraternity and of their respective chapters. A model chapter is one that is composed of members who are not only loyal, but who are thoroughly informed about Phi Delta Theta, and who are mindful of all of their fraternity obligations.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

Reporters are requested to forward chapter letters on the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication.

Please study to make letters terse. Facts which show the progress of the institution should be recorded, but chapter news, rather than ordinary college news, is desired. Kindly omit mention of changes among professors and of athletic events unless members of Phi Delta Theta are concerned.

Please write all proper names very clearly, or, if possible, typewrite the letters. Begin and end letters as they appear below. Write on only one side of the paper.

The Editor will appreciate the loan of cuts of college views or of chapter groups or houses. Plates should be properly marked and should be mailed or expressed to THE SCROLL, care of George Banta Publishing Company, Menasha, Wis., and prints from them or a list of them sent to the Editor. Plates larger than 4 by 7 inches, in either dimension, cannot be used.

Photographs of parties or scenes which would make interesting illustrations will be very acceptable.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Alabama Alpha moved into her house in the early part of December. We have the distinction of being the first fraternity at the university to own a chapter house. The opening was celebrated by a reception which was attended by many local and visiting Phis.

Alabama has closed a very successful season in football, losing only one game, that to the heavy Louisiana State team. We were represented on the team by Brother Van de Groaff at full and half and Brother Moody at quarter.

We are represented on the glee club by Brothers Brooks, Guice and Morrow, and on the dramatic club by Brother Johns. Brother Hugh Comer is secretary and treasurer of the freshman class.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother Robert H. Chadwick, '12, of Nashville, Tenn.

M. E. PRATT.

University, December 5, 1909.

ALABAMA BETA, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Since our last letter to THE SCROLL, Alabama Beta has initiated and takes pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large Brothers L. G. Brown, Birmingham, and H. Dudley, Seale.

Auburn made a good showing in football this year, her standing in the Southern inter-collegiate association being third. Basketball practice has been started, Alabama Beta is represented on the team by Brother Gordy at forward, who is also captain of this year's team.

Brother Wright has been appointed sergeant in Company F of the second battalion. Forty-two corporals were recently appointed from the sophomore class, Brothers Powell, Sauls, Spencer, and Strobhar being among those to receive appointments.

All Phis who may visit in this vicinity are invited to make the chapter house their home while in Auburn.

W. W. ALEXANDER.

Auburn, December 6, 1909.

CALIFORNIA BETA, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

California Beta presents to the Fraternity at large Brother Wendell C. Hammon, '13 of San Francisco. We also wish to announce the affiliation of Brothers Joseph A. Langfitt, Jr., '11 and John H. McQuiston, '11 both of Pennsylvania Gamma.

Stanford lost the annual 'varsity football game this year to the Uni-

versity of California by the score of 19-13. This is the first time we have lost the 'varsity contest to our rivals since 1902. The game was played on Stanford Field November 13. The Stanford freshman team, however, won from the University of California freshmen by the score of 5-0. California Beta was represented on the 'varsity team by Brother Tom Sanborn, '12 and on the freshman team by Brother Thoburn.

The biennial football banquet given by the chapter was held on the evening of November 12 at the chapter house. It was attended by the members of California Alpha and Beta, various alumni members of both chapters and the Phis hereabouts. The event was greatly enjoyed by all and everyone spent a happy evening in $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.

In the recent elections to $\Phi B K$, Brother Fisk was chosen. Brother McQuiston has become a member of the glee club and Brother Nunan has been elected secretary of Nestoria literary society. In the recent tennis tournament Brother Morgan won the interclass championship.

The end semester final examinations begin December 11 and the semester closes December 17. College begins again January 11.

Stanford University, December 3, 1909.

BEN. F. WADE.

COLORADO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Since our last letter, Colorado Alpha has initiated two more men—Joseph Creswold Bogue and Winthrop Worcester Leach both of Denver. The initiation was held November 21, and was attended by several of the alumni. Brother Leach is president of the freshmen engineers and Brother Bogue vice-president.

Our football team had a very successful year, winning all its games by large scores and without being scored on. The chapter was represented on the team by Brothers Earl Carmichael and Bowler. This is Brother Bowler's second year on the team, and as he has played a star game throughout, (being chosen as all-Colorado tackle this year) he stands a good show of being elected to captain the team next fall.

The inter-fraternity basketball league has been organized. Several games have been played, and, from the outcome of these games, it looks as though Colorado Alpha has a good chance of winning the cup which is being offered by the league.

There has been a new sophomore society organized in school under the name of "The Arch." The organization, which has a membership of fourteen men, includes sophomores from all the departments. The object is to bring men of the entire class together in a stronger bond of friendship and class spirit. Brother Leroy Pigg is a charter member and Brother Kimbrough was initiated December 9. Brother C. Ernest Hill has been initiated into $\Omega T \Phi$ (medical).

The student body is very well pleased with its new constitution as it is proving to be an unqualified success.

The Guggenheim law building was dedicated on November 23, and work on the Macky Auditorium, Hale building and power plant is progressing very rapidly.

Boulder, December 16, 1909.

C. ERNEST HILL.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

The football season closed most brilliantly, and the seniors took off the pennant. The senior coach gave the entire senior class a splendid banquet. Nothing like this has ever before happened and it consequently means much for the other teams. We were represented on the

teams by Brothers Clay, (captain) '10, Wight, (manager) '10, Stiles, '10, P. H. Christian, '10, T. B. Christian, '11, Wright, '11, Benton, '11, Middlebrooks, (captain) '12, Scales, '13. Brother Middlebrooks was again elected captain for the team next season.

The basketball season opens now at an early date and we shall be well represented on that team.

The new Allen memorial chapel is almost completed. It is a handsome addition to the college buildings and a creditable edifice.

The chapter introduces another initiate in the person of Brother Charles Middlebrooks. We have had a good number of our alumni to visit us recently and we were glad to have them.

Oxford, December 18, 1909.

P. H. CHRISTIAN.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

Mercer has, this year, the largest law class in her history. Φ Δ Θ is well represented in that department. The president of the class is a Phi. He has been taken in since our last letter. So we take pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity Brother Dwight L. Rogers, Reidsville. We also introduce Brother C. B. Landrum, '13, Carnesville. We now number 22 men.

While we have not had the most successful season in football we put out a strong team and played some good ball. Brothers Binion, Griffith, and Hogg did some star playing. Basketball practice has begun and we feel sure of two places on the team.

The event of the season, however, was the reception Georgia Gamma tendered the Phi ladies. We felt that we had the swellest halls that had ever been at Mercer, but we wanted the opinion of the ladies. The decorations for the occasion were ferns, palms, cut flowers and pennants. The color scheme was pink and white, which was carried out in the cut flowers, candles and refreshments. About sixty of Macon's fairest "queens" graced our halls. After their hearty congratulations we feel that our halls cannot be improved upon. They all left reluctantly, each one avowing her loyalty to Φ Δ Θ.

The Mercer literary club is composed of the professor of English, the librarian, and ten men from the student body. We have two brothers in the club. Brother H. M. Dargan has the honor of being president of the club. We also have brothers in the college orchestra and glee club.

Macon, December 11, 1909.

N. F. WILLIAMSON.

GEORGIA DELTA, GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

Since the last issue of THE SCROLL we have initiated G. B. Lamar, of Augusta, and affiliated Brother Gross from Georgia Gamma. We are very sorry to lose Brother Weatherly, who has retired from school. Brother Buchanan, after a long illness, returned to school late this fall. He is one of the most popular men in college, captain of the baseball, and catcher and captain of the all-Southern baseball team, and we are very glad to have him back.

On November 20 we were honored by a visit from Brother F. J. Coxe. That night he gave the chapter a very interesting talk from which we gleaned many valuable ideas. He made many friends during his stay here and we were very sorry that he could not make his visit longer.

Tech. has just closed another successful football season. In spite of the usual handicap of green material Coach Heisman turned out a

football machine that was little short of wonderful. With only three veterans of last year's team we won six games and lost two by very small scores. During the season Tech. scored 220 points against her opponent's 30, and that against teams rated as high at least as herself. Brother Wilson at quarterback was easily the star of the season. Though this is his first year in college, he ran the team like a veteran, playing consistent and brilliant ball the whole time. Only his inexperience kept him off the all-southern.

We hope by the time this is printed to be actually building our chapter house.

G. S. JONES, JR.

Atlanta, December 8, 1909.

IDAHO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO.

The Kappa Province convention was held in Spokane, October 30, at Davenports. About sixty Phis were present including about twenty of the Idaho chapter. The convention took the form of a social rather than a business affair. The Spokane Alumni Club presented us with a wall plaque of the fraternity coat-of-arms. We wish to express our thanks for this token. Many interesting talks were made and opinions were expressed in regard to expansion in the northwest.

Idaho was quite unfortunate this year in football, winning only three out of the seven games played. Brothers Armstrong, Williams and Hays played on the regular team while Stein and Montgomery substituted.

The Idaho athletic field has been greatly improved under the direction of the field manager, Brother Wadsworth. A new set of portable bleachers was built by the students, the faculty granting a student labor day for this purpose.

The basketball season promises to be good this year. A prolonged trip through the southern part of the state is being arranged for. Brother Walker is manager of the team. Brother Montgomery will have a place on the team.

Since our last letter two of the large college dances have been held, the athletic ball and the junior promenade. Brother Hays was chairman of the prom committee.

$\Gamma\Phi B$ recently installed a chapter here. The $A\Delta II$ sorority, the local receiving the national charter, was founded in 1901. This is the first national fraternity for women to enter the University of Idaho.

Brother Fenn was recently elected from the student body at large to the athletic board and was also chosen to represent that board upon the executive board of the A. S. U. I.

We take pleasure in presenting the following recently initiated men: Frank C. Kendall, '12; John Penn Fix, '13; Hugh S. Parker, '13; James G. Watts, '13; Manford H. Coffin, '13; Stuart Keiffer Denning, '13; Clyde Cornwall, '13; George Wendell Phillips, '13; also Burney Yancey, '11, and William M. Gibb, '03, alumni of $K\Phi A$. About forty men were present at the banquet, several coming from Spokane for this event. Brother Orlando P. Darwin an alumnus of $K\Phi A$ was recently initiated by the Vanderbilt chapter. We wish to thank Tennessee Alpha for their kindness.

We have received visits from many Phis during the last two months, among them are Brothers Triplet, Kentucky Alpha-Delta, '07; Richards, Pennsylvania Zeta, '05; L. F. Lyberger, Ohio Epsilon, '03; H. B. Ferris, Illinois Eta, '94; Hubley, Pennsylvania Alpha, '05; Evans, Minnesota

Alpha, '06; and C. B. Bradford, California Beta, '08. Brother Richards has presented us with a statue of Pallas and Brother Evans has given us a wall plaque bearing the seal of the university. We certainly appreciate the visits of the alumni and the interest that they are taking in us.

A charter has been recently granted for an alumni club at Moscow.

At a meeting of the combined senior and junior classes rules were enacted to the effect that all freshmen shall wear a prescribed cap while on the campus and that they shall upon no occasion wear stiff hats, also that all men students in the university shall tip their hats to the president.

JAMES B. HAYS.

Moscow, December 10, 1909.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

This time of the year finds Illinois Alpha busy in the various college activities. Basketball and track work were begun last week in the new gymnasium, and work is being done on the freshman and junior plays. The gymnasium proper is still uncompleted, and improvements have been added to the original plans until Mr. Patten has seen fit to make a third addition to his gift making a total of \$250,000, which is \$100,000 more than the original sum. It is thought that the amount will reach three hundred thousand dollars before the building is completed and equipped.

Brother Liscomb of the Chicago Alumni Club was instrumental in bringing about two very pleasant and successful $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ gatherings; one on the evening of October 16, and the other on November 20. The former date was that of the Chicago-Illinois football game, and the latter the day of the Chicago-Wisconsin game. On both occasions the Phis from the visiting universities together with Illinois Alpha, Illinois Beta and the Chicago Alumni Club met at the Union restaurant for a six o'clock dinner. After the dinner of November 20 the North Shore alumni of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ entertained the active chapter of Illinois Alpha and their friends at an informal. As this was the first $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ informal of the year a great number of the alumni were there and we had the pleasure of seeing quite a number of the brothers from Illinois Beta.

We are now planning to entertain our friends at an informal to be given in the fraternity house just before the Christmas recess. We are arranging for dancing and a Christmas tree as the chief features of the party.

Our delegate, Brother Moulton returned from the province convention with a very thorough and interesting report which he gave in the chapter meeting of last week.

During the last month two very important and needful councils have been organized in the university for the purpose of taking care of college affairs; one, the student council which is composed of two members of each class. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has two men on this council. The other organization is the inter-fraternity council which is composed of two men from each fraternity.

At present the work of the latter is that of adjusting the social life of the students, a thing which has been somewhat restricted by the new social committee of the university.

The custom of compelling freshmen to wear class caps is a creditable movement taken up by the student council. The plan seems to be approved by the students in general, and has proven very successful.

Evanston, December 5, 1909.

GEO. S. YAPLE.

ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Announcement of a gift of \$50,000 from Mr. Martin A. Ryerson has just been made by the university authorities. This money is to be used in improving the equipment of the physical laboratory and will make it one of the best laboratories of its kind in the country. The faculty has approved the new system of student government which, while retaining the essential features of the college system, embodies the best points of the class system of other colleges. The first elections under the new regime will occur this month.

In football Chicago was not as successful this season as in the two previous years, but the students all feel that the team played the best game of which it was capable. The prospects for a championship team in basketball, however, are exceptionally good for several veterans of the squad have returned, as well as a large number of last year's freshmen. The unexpected resignation of Coach Knudson on account of ill health has put a damper upon the swimming and polo outlook.

On the evening of November 13 we gave a smoker to the alumni at the chapter house. A similar event will occur on December 11 and at various intervals during the winter.

Brother Steffen has been elected president of the freshman law class and Brother Gould vice-president of the freshman medical class. Brother McLean has been pledged $\Phi P \Sigma$.

As a result of the rushing season we have pledged three men all of whom were elected to the Three-Quarters club, the freshman honor society.

LYMAN K. GOULD.

Chicago, December 8, 1909.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

Illinois Delta has cornered the managements for the class plays for the coming spring, Brother Lewis Lillie getting the senior play to manage and Brother James Fuller having been chosen by the juniors.

Brother Robert Johnson attended the province convention held at Kansas City during the Thanksgiving recess. He has given this chapter several suggestions in regard to bettering the chapter's life in many little things as a result of ideas picked up from the convention.

We have initiated four pledges since the last publication of THE SCROLL: Wallace Judson, '13; Mac Downing, '13; George Lindner, '13; and Douglas Miller, '13. There are four pledged men yet to be initiated.

The basketball season will open early in January. Knox will have a strong team in the field this year with four of the old 'varsity men playing. Brother Harry Aldrich is captain of the team and Brothers Ralph Noble and Karl Aldrich have made berths at center and right forward.

A waltz has been composed for Illinois Delta by Miss Madeline Heryer of the Knox Conservatory which is attracting the highest commendation. The title of it is "Fraternity Waltz" and it was played with great success at our annual formal.

Brothers Frederick and Pierce Webster, Jack Leonard and Lester Ross were guests at the formal and Brothers Seeley and Langford, both *Knox*, '12, Spinner, *Knox*, '08, and Ohler, *Knox*, '09, attended from out of town.

J. KARL ALDRICH.

Galesburg, December 26, 1909.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD COLLEGE.

Illinois Zeta introduces to the Fraternity the following new brothers: Ezra Radcliffe, Williamsfield; Harry O. Hale, Stoughton, Wis.; and Glenn Bass, Walnut. We have yet six pledges. Our new home, described in the November SCROLL, aided wonderfully in the rushing season and is making us an ideal chapter house.

The chapter is especially well represented in athletics this year. Six of our men will probably win college letters in football. The basketball season has opened most favorably with Brother Webster as captain. Some of the other brothers are also sure of making the team.

Illinois Zeta is strong again this year in the lines of oratory and debate. Brother Ross and Phikeia Brigham are strong candidates for the debating team. We are also expecting to carry off some of the prizes in oratory in the various local and inter-collegiate contests this season.

Brother Leonard is editing the college periodical, *The Lombard Review* again this year, and Brother Ross is the business manager of the annual "The Lombard Stroller." Brother Chapman was elected manager of the baseball team for next spring:

The holiday vacation ends January 4 and we would be only too glad to welcome at our new house any of the brothers who may pass through this city.

GEO. F. CLAYCOMB.

Galesburg, December 20, 1909.

ILLINOIS ETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Since our last letter Illinois Eta has initiated eleven men, and we now take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity the following new brothers: Raymond W. Stephens, '13, and Warren R. Stephens, '13, of Urbana; Arthur W. Kimball, '13, and Donald W. Green, '13, of Chicago; Charles T. Meek, '13, and Jacob W. Parker, '13, of Carrollton; Paul V. Rauch, '13, of Kansas City, Mo.; Frederick B. Cortis, '13, of Hinsdale; Leon Lawson, '12, of Rensselaer, Ind.; Lorenzo Kimball, '13, of Dundee, and Robert H. Overstreet, '12, of Oak Park. We have also affiliated Brothers Oswald K. Yeager of Indiana Zeta and William H. Woolston of New York Alpha. These men with the men we returned in the fall give us a total membership of twenty-eight.

On October 30 we held our annual alumni reunion which was the occasion of a very enjoyable visit with some of our old men. At our dinner that evening sixty-five brothers were present. Besides our alumni and members of the faculty we had with us Brothers Liscomb, Fassett and White, alumni of New Hampshire Alpha, and Brother Sexton of Purdue.

At the time of the Thanksgiving vacation our new laboratory of physics was formally dedicated. Since that time ground has been broken for Lincoln Hall, the new home of the college of literature and arts.

In the five "big" football games played this year Illinois was defeated but once and that was by Chicago, the score being 14-8. The other four games were won by the following scores: Purdue 24-6; Indiana 6-5; Northwestern 35-0; Syracuse 17-8. The basketball team is crippled by the temporary absence of Brother Carl Watson, the captain, but his return the first of next semester is assured.

GEO. S. WARD.

Champaign, December 18, 1909.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

This week closes the first term of the college year and the chapter is devoting all its energies to making creditable marks. Indiana Beta has always upheld a high standard of scholarship and to this end we are now bending our efforts.

The incumbents of all political positions have been chosen and Indiana Beta has been unusually successful in this regard. Brother Deming is treasurer of the junior class; Brother Elliot is vice-president of the sophomore class and Brother M. Cochran is vice-president of the freshman class. Brother Thad McCalloch has been chosen manager of next year's football team and Brother Morris Cockran will manage track athletics this spring. Brother Harold McCalloch is assistant business manager of *The Wabash*, the monthly publication and Brother DeVore has been elected business manager for 1910-11.

Brother Hinkle Hays won the Day oratorical contest this year. This makes the third consecutive year that this contest has come to Indiana Beta. Brother Walter Sinn, now in Columbia University, won the contest in 1908-09 and finished in fourth and second places respectively. Brother Hays bids fair to uphold the honors of the school and to reflect credit upon the chapter.

Basketball is the sport of the hour. While the prospects are not as bright as in former years, we hope to make a creditable showing. Brother Campbell Kennedy is our only representative.

Brother DeVore has been selected by the college press club as an associate editor of the college semi-weekly. This gives $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ two representatives on *The Bachelor*.

Class teams are being organized in track and basketball. In the latter sport Brother Carrithers represents us among the freshmen and Brother Roberts among the sophomores.

Indiana Beta has the pleasure of entertaining at her dance tonight Brother Jewett of DePauw and Brother Carter of Miami. We anticipate a most enjoyable evening.

LAWRENCE E. DEVORE.

Crawfordsville, December 18, 1909.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER COLLEGE.

Since the last letter we have initiated the following new men: Mayne Parker, Evarts Johns, John Avery, William Conway, Percy Goe, Robert Hamp, and Garland Leech, all of Indianapolis; and Ben Sparks, of Rushville. We still have two Phikeias, whom we intend to initiate soon.

Articles were signed recently for a triangular debate between Miami, Ohio State, and Butler. This combination takes the place of the league containing Wabash, Earlham and Butler, which was dissolved last year. The subject for debate this year will be the postal savings bank system. We will miss Brother Ryan in this line of work but hope to be represented on the teams by several of the other brothers. In the oratorical contest Brother Claris Adams won second place.

Our football team ended the season on Thanksgiving day in a blaze of glory with a victory over Wabash, 12 to 0. Brothers Thomas, Grier, Sparks, Steward, Stiffler and Leech played fine games. After the game the team was entertained at the home of Brother Hilton U. Brown, where turkey and other good things were consumed, speeches made, stories told, and where enjoyment reigned supreme. Brother Cullen Thomas has been re-elected captain, and Brother Gipe, Indiana Beta, '09, will probably be coach again.

The chapter has been fortunate enough during the past term to have opportunities to entertain several of the brothers from Indiana Beta and Zeta. We wish that in the future more brothers from the other neighboring chapters as well would find time to drop in on us at our home in Irvington.

LEE MOFFETT.

Irvington, December 12, 1909.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

The attendance this term has been somewhat smaller than in previous years largely owing to the college's lack of a permanent head. The board of directors are making a thorough investigation and it is unlikely that the selection will be announced until the spring term. Prof. J. W. Adams of Newark, Ohio has been elected to the chair of biology made vacant by the retirement of Prof. D. A. Owen, an alumnus of this chapter.

Brother Elmer H. Davis, '10, achieved an honor both for himself and the Fraternity by his success in the Rhodes scholarship examination for Indiana held in October. This was a qualifying examination and from the list of successful candidates the representative of the state will be selected next month.

Brother Ritchey, captain, and Brother Jones are the "F" men who represent the chapter on the basketball team this year and Brother Overstreet and Phikeia Brewer are members of the squad.

We introduce to the Fraternity as our latest initiate Brother Roscoe Abbott.

ARTHUR C. BROWN.

Franklin, December 19, 1909.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

With the close of the first term of the present school year, Indiana Epsilon is glad to be able to present such a favorable record of work and results. In the spiking season just closed we have the record of pledging every man to whom a spike was extended and six new members have been added to the chapter. We introduce Brother Henry E. Cobb, of Seymour, who was initiated just before the Thanksgiving vacation.

In athletics, we have the best record of any fraternity in Hanover this year. Four Phis played on the 'varsity during the football season and probably two will make the basketball team.

We were very glad indeed to be able to entertain Brother George Banta last week, and, although his visit to us was of short duration, we derived a great deal of benefit from our talks with him. He was full of encouragement for us and spoke very favorably of the awakening of the new spirit among the Phis in Hanover.

Brother C. H. Oldfather, of McCormick Seminary, is spending the month of December here and we find his association most helpful.

Hanover, December 9, 1909.

JAS. E. ALMOND.

INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

President McConnell has been selected by the Harvard authorities as the university minister and for two weeks each term will reside at Cambridge where he will have charge of the religious affairs of the university and act as a moral adviser and confidant of the students.

An inter-fraternity bowling league is being formed on plans similar

to those of the inter-fraternity baseball league. The question of an inter-sorority basketball league is also being agitated.

Old Gold Day, the annual class day at DePauw, was celebrated October 9. The sophomores, by virtue of their victories in the basketball game, and in the class scrap (a tie-up affair) were awarded the banner emblematic of under class supremacy. The freshman-sophomore football game resulted in a tie.

Miss Stoner, the grand president of the Woman's Pan-Hellenic, spent several days here recently in consultation with the representatives of the various sororities, and it is rumored that the present year will be the last in which the sororities will pledge freshman girls. The question of a sophomore spike has been agitated for some time and it is probable that the plan will be tried next year.

Our football season closed November 20, the final game going to Earlham by a 14-11 score. Brother Lawrence (captain) finished his fourth year as center on the team. Brother Grady, at left half, also played his last game after three years of splendid work on the 'varsity. Brother Hawthorn held down the position of left guard during the entire season, this being his second year on the 'varsity.

Brothers Randal, Scott Brewer and Donald Brewer have been selected for the 'varsity debate squad. Brothers Rhea and Francis Moor, have been elected to the staff of the *Mirage*. Brother Rhea is regarded as a likely contender in the oratorical contest to be held soon.

The chapter has enjoyed visits from Brothers Gamble and Campbell of Wabash, and Felps of Purdue. Brother Thomas has been elected to the honorary journalistic fraternity, $\Sigma\Delta X$, and Brother Scott Brewer has won a place on the *DePauw Daily*.

EDWIN THOMAS.

Greencastle, December 5, 1909.

INDIANA THETA, PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Lately not much has been doing at the Phi Delt house at Purdue. The new house is rapidly nearing completion and we hope to be in a little after Christmas. We are going to celebrate our entrance with an opening and when we announce the date we expect all the Phis that can to be there. As it is now the chapter is in somewhat cramped quarters but doing well just the same.

The football season was in all respects a failure. Purdue won from DePauw and Rose Polytechnic, but lost to Chicago, Northwestern, Wabash, Illinois and Indiana. As a result of the poor showing the athletic association did not award any football letters. We wish to thank the Chicago, Illinois and Indiana chapters for the hospitality they showed those of our chapter who were at the games. Our basketball team, which has been practising since Thanksgiving, is rapidly developing under Coach Jones and promises to equal last year's record of second in the conference.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers R. B. Howland, '10, Chicago, Ill. and C. L. VanNuys, '12, Franklin. We now have seventeen in the chapter and seven pledges. Brother E. R. Speden, Pennsylvania Epsilon, '04, is teaching history in the university.

West Lafayette, December 9, 1909. DYER BUTTERFIELD.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

In football Phikeias Tallman, Johnston and Dyball were awarded W's, Tallman making second half on the all-Iowa and was also elected captain of the 1910 team; his kicking was a feature of the season.

The basketball team has not yet been chosen, but we will undoubtedly be represented as Brothers Brown, Pantel, Ringland and Phikeias Whitney and Tallman are showing up well.

The interior of the chapter house has been improved by several coats of paint and varnish and is being decorated for an elaborate Christmas party.

Forensic lines and higher standards of scholarship are being emphasized by the chapter. The chapter recently enjoyed visits from Brothers Beck, '03, of Fremont, Stafford of Grinnell and Wishard of Iowa City.

Mt. Pleasant, December 10, 1909.

C. E. SMITH.

IOWA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Iowa is now undergoing a great upheaval in athletics. For some years Iowa has been almost without winning teams and the students are making vigorous enquiries into the reason. It is hoped that in the near future some method will be worked out whereby the students will have some union or other means of a representation in the management of athletics. This year's football team, while losing a good many of its games, showed a good record considering the handicaps under which it labored. It was the first year of graduate coaching, a system which is declared a marked success by the student body. In the first game of the season only two "I" men contested. The remainder of the team was composed of entirely green men, a fact which contributed largely to the defeats of the season. However we defeated our old rival, Ames, in a very decisive game by the score of 16 to 0. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ was very well represented on the gridiron. Brother Griffith was football coach; Brother Eby, assistant coach; Brother Murphy, fullback; Brother Ehret, guard; and Brother Fee, quarterback.

Brother Griffith is now busy developing the basketball team. Over fifty first-class men are trying for the team. Among the promising candidates is Brother Moeller captain of last year's freshmen team. A good schedule has been arranged and everything points to a successful season.

The new law building, which is one of the most imposing structures of its kind in the west, is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy soon after Christmas. The new engineering shops are being pushed and will be a considerable addition to the university campus. The contract has been let for the erection of a new \$250,000 physics building.

There is considerable good feeling in the Pan-Hellenic association this year. Arrangements have been made to have a schedule of indoor baseball games between the fraternities on one side of the town against those on the other. Two men are to be selected from each fraternity, the odd man by the Pan-Hellenic association.

HORACE C. YOUNG.

Iowa City, December 12, 1909.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Since the writing of the last chapter letter, Kansas Alpha has been favored with visits from Brothers Fred R. Cowles, province vice-president; Roy Cope of Ohio Beta; Cayou, coach of Washington University

football squad, as well as several of the Washington men and some from Iowa at the time of our game with them. On the other hand several of us enjoyed the hospitality of the Nebraska chapter on a similar errand to Lincoln November 6.

Our men as usual are holding their places in university activities. Brother Tom Johnson was recently elected to the captaincy of the 1910 football team. He holds also that position on this winter's basketball team.

In one of the recent dramatic club productions Brothers Johnson, Seddon, and Emery took leading parts.

The chapter mourns deeply the death of Brother Edwin Peters who was one of our best men. After a short illness here at the university he was taken to his home in Emporia, and typhoid fever developed. He was thought to be well on the road toward recovery, but suffered a fatal relapse.

The province convention in Kansas City November 25, 26 and 27 was a distinct success, and we thank Brother Cowles in particular for his share in making it so enjoyable. Most of our chapter were present.

Lawrence, December 10, 1909. CHARLES J. ROBINSON.

KENTUCKY ALPHA-DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

Since the last issue of THE SCROLL Central University has brought to a close the most successful football season in many years. The team started in fine form and won some of her hardest games at the start. Our line was not crossed until the game between Kentucky State and Central at Lexington on Thanksgiving day. This game was for the championship of Kentucky. We were defeated by the score of 15 to 6 which came as a great surprise to all the Central rooters and many outsiders as well. During the whole season our team had 213 points to its credit and only 15 points against it. These figures speak better than words in praise of our team. The basketball season has just begun and the team leaves December 16 for the southern trip. On this trip the team has many hard games, playing last year's champions of the South and the champions of two years ago. We are almost sure of the state championship this year as we have almost the same team back and some fine new material.

The Christmas holidays begin December 18 and continue until January 5. W.M. C. ANDERSON.

Danville, December 18, 1909.

LOUISIANA ALPHA, TULANE UNIVERSITY.

On the night of November 13 the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of Louisiana Alpha was fittingly celebrated. All of our charter members were present and each in turn addressed the chapter.

The Howcott Memorial Chapel in memory of Brother William Hill Howcott, Jr., was dedicated December 4, just two years after Brother Howcott's death. The building is a beautiful edifice and a large $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ coat-of-arms has been placed on the front wall.

The date of the Theta Province convention to be held in New Orleans has been definitely fixed for February 7 and 8.

The football season was very successful. Out of nine games, Tulane won five, tied two and lost two. The squad is going to Cuba during the Christmas holidays to play against the University of Havana.

We have initiated and take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity,

Edwin Ernest Benoist. Brothers Claiborne, Provosty and Benoist have been elected to the membership in Glendy Burke. Brother Provosty has been elected to membership in Θ N E. Brother Louis Fortier has been elected class editor of the *Jambalaya*. In the next issue of THE SCROLL we hope to announce the election of Brother James J. A. Fortier to the management of the 1910 football team. The election is coming off next week and so far no other candidate has announced himself. On account of poor management of the football team the athletic association has been running behind for some time. Brother Fortier made a great success (financially and otherwise) of the *Jambalaya*, and the students at Tulane are confident that he will make as great a financial success of the football team.

We take this opportunity to thank all Phis who have written to us, recommending new men. We wish to extend a hearty welcome to all Phis who may visit New Orleans for Carnival.

New Orleans, December 10, 1909.

MICHEL BECNEL PROVOSTY.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY COLLEGE.

Our football season just closed has been very successful, winning every game played and the state college championship as well. The winning of the championship was celebrated by the second annual football banquet in the gymnasium November 17, at which more than three hundred loyal Colby men sat down to a magnificent spread. The spirit and enthusiasm shown was enough to make every man present feel glad that he was alive and a proud son of Colby.

More than usual interest is being taken in track athletics and we expect to send a relay team to the B. A. A. meet in Boston this winter. A wooden running track has been built and work has been progressing rapidly. Basketball has been entirely done away with by vote of faculty and student body combined.

The college dramatic club has been chosen and Brothers Weeden, Rideout and Pease have been awarded parts. A trip through southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts will be made between semesters besides playing most of the large cities and towns in Maine.

The college musical clubs have already made one trip and will continue throughout the winter. ΦΔΘ is represented by Brothers Cary, Goodwin, Cushman and Kimball. Brother Cary has also been elected president of the senior class.

Not long ago thieves broke into the chapter house and secured several watches, suits of clothes and a small amount of cash. The police were notified but as yet they have been unable to clear up the mystery or secure any of the missing property.

We have with us two new Phikeias who will soon be initiated.

Waterville, December 27, 1909.

CROWELL E. PEASE.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

On October 21 the chapter initiated eight new men, two being members of the class of 1912 and six of the class of 1913. We take pleasure in presenting them to the Fraternity: John W. Rahill, '12 of Lawrenceville, N. J.; W. Muir Urquhart, '12, of Chehalis, Wash.; Robert A. Dyer 3d, '13 of Auburn, N. Y.; Henry H. French, '13 of Chicago, Ill.; Chester M. Jones, '13 of Newton Centre; Gerald D. Rahill, '13 of Lawrenceville, N. J.; E. Willard Stephens, '13 of Salt Lake City,

Utah; and Walter H. Young, '13 of New Rochelle, N. Y. On the evening of October 23 the initiation banquet was held at which were present delegates from Dartmouth and Amherst and a good representation of alumni.

The football season closed November 13 with a record of five victories and two defeats to the team's credit. The team came out of the mid-season slump in which the game was lost to Dartmouth 18-0, and closed the season with four straight victories, defeating M. A. C. 33-6; Cornell 3-0; Wesleyan 7-6; and Amherst 17-0. The success of the season was largely due to the coaching of Brother S. B. Newton, '91. In the under-class football game played November 17 the sophomores defeated the freshmen 17-0. Brother Jamieson played at left tackle for the sophomores during the whole game. The sophomores also won the underclass track meet on October 20 by a decisive score, Brother Jamieson winning a first and a second in the discus and shot respectively.

The basketball prospects are bright and the team is practicing daily under the direction of the captain, Brother Lambie. Half of the games in the inter-class series have been played and the seniors are at present in the lead with a total of three games won and none lost. Brother Goddard is manager of the sophomore team and Brother John Rahill is playing a consistent game at guard on the same team.

On December 4 the senior class held the election of its class day officers. The highest office which it is in the power of the senior class to bestow, that of class day president, went to Brother Lambie. Brother LaMonte was also elected manager of the class book.

On December 10 the musical clubs gave a joint concert with the Amherst musical clubs in Northampton. The chapter was represented on the clubs by Brothers Macnee, Bartlett, Swift and J. W. Rahill.

On October 27 Brother Horace Holley, '10 withdrew from college and on November 2 he was married in New York to Miss Bertha Herbert of that city. Brother Holley and his wife sailed on November 3 for Antwerp and after an extended tour through Holland they expect to take up their residence in Paris. Brother Holley was a member of the 1910 *Gul* board, and editor-in-chief of the *Lit.* and a member of Gargoyle, the senior honorary society. He was a man of rare ability, a conscientious worker, and the chapter and college alike will feel his absence deeply.

At the time of the Amherst game, from November 12 to 14, we had an informal house party, having as our guests ten girls and two chaperones. We have also recently enjoyed visits from the following alumni: Young, '88; Tarbox, '92; Wilson, '92; Marvin, '01; Newell, '05; Ayres, '06; Huist, '06; Stoddard, '07; Lawrence, '09; Lewis, '09; Hazelton, '10, and Hays, '11.

J. D. LESTER.

Williamstown, December 11, 1909.

MASSACHUSETTS BETA, AMHERST COLLEGE.

Indoor sports and hockey are thriving and fraternity dances afford the chief social distraction of the winter.

There has been a steady increase in curriculum changes; a new system of "cuts" has been inaugurated whereby the instructor is relieved of all responsibility in computing absences; French and German certificates will no longer be accepted and tuition has been raised from \$110 to \$140 beginning with the class of 1913. The faculty is of the opinion that the college can stand upon no reputation but its scholastic one, and

the result has been a tightening in courses of instruction and elimination of most of the easy courses.

On November 13 we lost Brother Keith Worthington Deming, '12 of Dubuque, Iowa. Although sick at home he returned to Amherst to help out in the rushing and was taken ill immediately, dying in Pratt cottage. His first story for the Amherst *Literary Monthly* which has appeared since his death, bore the significant title "The End of the Rainbow." We deeply sympathize with his parents in the loss of their only child; as brother Phis we are bound in sorrow by the closest of ties—the Bond.

The will of John S. Kennedy, whose bequests of \$25,000,000 startled the country not long since, has apportioned \$100,000 to Amherst, along with other institutions. This unexpected sum has reopened the question of an Amherst "Union."

Brothers Beckwith, '10, Randell, '12, Tucker, '10, Steber, '12, and Beckwith, '13, are on the musical clubs. Brothers Guetter, '13 and Willits, '13 have been the first Amherst Phis in several years to make the 'varsity football team. Brother Cass, '12, has been elected to the *Four Leaf Clover* board, Amherst's humorous paper. Brother Treadwell, '11 was on the board of the junior year book, *The Olio*, which recently appeared. Brother Elliott, '13 was on the freshman banquet committee and Brother Willits, '13 was a speaker at the banquet held in Boston after evading the sophs.

Our chapter is the largest in several years; in spite of an unprepossessing house we are growing socially and athletically as well as in numbers. We are now near the crest of the wave and hope to have added two new brothers by the next letter.

Amherst, December 8, 1909.

GEORGE L. TREADWELL, '11

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The football season is over. Michigan is once more "Champion of the West." We could not have had a more successful season. While Michigan Alpha had no men on the team we did our share of rooting. It was like the old days and the rallies were as enthusiastic as in the days of Heston. Next year we think we will be well represented on the team as four of our freshmen played the entire season on the all-fresh team and did splendid work. Brothers Seely, Clark, McDonald and Haff are all wearing the numerals of the class of '13.

The conference situation, so far as Michigan is concerned, is unchanged. We are once more coming into our own and Michigan's standing in football circles is satisfactory to us without any connection with the "Big Eight."

The annual comic opera produced by the students of the university just completed five performances. It was pronounced the best ever given here. The music was especially good, and we are proud of the part Michigan Alpha took in it. Brother Earl V. Moore, '12, wrote practically all of the music, made the orchestrations and directed the opera. Brother Goetz was in the chorus.

During the past month we have been favored with visits from several alumni. Brother Kusterer has been initiated into Sphinx, the junior honorary society. Brother Moore into Sinfonia, a musical organization. We are to have our Christmas tree party the night of December 20. Vacation begins December 22 and ends January 4.

Ann Arbor, December 10, 1909.

JAS. S. LAWSHÉ.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Another football season has come and gone and undergraduates are still discussing how it happened. After winning the conference championship, Minnesota met and went down in defeat to Michigan. Our defeat was due in no small measure, perhaps, to the injury to Brother Lyle Johnston, all-star half, who had his leg broken in the Nebraska game earlier in the season. All this with due credit to the Wolverines. At present attention is being turned to basketball. The coaches, although there is an abundance of material, will have considerable difficulty in filling the guard position vacated by Brother Blanchett, '09. A successful season is predicted, however, and the Minnesota team should be a winner.

Minnesota Alpha wishes to introduce to the Fraternity Brothers Donald Joslyn of Deer Lodge, Mont. and Clyde McCormack of Minneapolis, initiated December 4.

The junior ball association recently was organized with about 75 members and the annual promenade will be given February 4, 1910. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has four men on the association. Brother Victor had charge of the election and is chairman of the program committee. Brothers Walters and Vance are on committees. Brother Merrill is vice-president of Tillikum, freshman inter-fraternity. Brother Johnston is a member of $\Phi\Delta\Phi$ (law). Brother Rexford has pledged $\Delta\Sigma\Delta$ (dental). Brother Nelson has been appointed one of four to write the senior class play to be given during commencement week. Brother Paul Wilson, Iowa Alpha, '06, was lately initiated $N\Sigma N$ (medical).

Visitors since our last letter have been Brothers Mather, Blanchett, Ray, O'Brien, S. M. McCanna, V. Tryon, Barragar, Michaels, Andrews, Little, James Thompson and Frisbee of Minnesota Alpha; S. J. McQueen and R. W. Bailey, Wisconsin Alpha; E. T. Snohr, Illinois Delta.

Minneapolis, December 1, 1909.

T. ALBERT PEPPARD.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was the twelfth anniversary of the Blackstone club, held on November 12. The university authorities gave a Holiday in celebration of the occasion. Brother F. M. Witty delivered the anniversary oration, which was followed by a banquet in the University Hall. One of the hits of the season was a farce trial styled Peary vs. Cook for the possession of the north pole, Brothers Somerville, Lee and Price taking prominent parts.

The glee club has proven one of the best in years. The season was opened at Oxford and immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday Lexington, Indianola and Greenwood were visited. Brother Lee, as business manager, has put the club on a sound financial basis and intends to make several trips after Christmas. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is further represented by Brothers Love and McKinney, the latter singing tenor in the quartette.

The football season culminated most successfully at Jackson on Thanksgiving, "Ole Miss" winning from the A. & M. Farmers, 9 to 5. Before the game there was a gathering of Phis at the Edwards Hotel. In addition to the members of the active chapter the following alumni were present: Joe Aldridge, John Aldridge, Hugh Buckley, Clifford Buckley, E. C. Coleman, Sam Foose, Toney Hardy, William Henry, H. C. McCabe, G. W. McCabe, Jason Niles, Latham Ray, N. R. Sledge, Robert Somerville, Bertram Storm and A. L. Yates. The meeting was

most cordial and the chapter house project received the most hearty commendation. A committee is at work perfecting plans for a reunion and banquet for next year with the view of making this an annual affair. On December 1 the student body tendered a banquet to the members of the victorious football squad, Brother Abe D. Somerville presiding as toast-master in a most pleasing manner.

We are indeed glad to report the return of Brother D. N. Powers of Jackson, who was detained by serious illness. He is now engaged in the preparation of a historical catalogue of the university which will appear later. Brother K. G. Price was elected to membership in ΣΤ, a literary fraternity. Mississippi Alpha was glad to welcome the following brothers during the preceding term: Ed Smith, Faison Smith, Cliff Buckley, Bray, Bem Price and Sledge.

On December 6 the Sphinx club, an exclusive dancing club, tendered a dance at the opera house in Oxford.

University, December 21, 1909.

W.M. T. WYNN.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

The Zeta Province convention, which was held at Kansas City during the Thanksgiving holidays, proved both beneficial and enjoyable to many members of this chapter. The influence of such a gathering so close to Missouri Alpha was a new experience and one which we hope will soon be repeated. The hospitality of the Kansas City Alumni Club is not to be exceeded.

Since the last SCROLL Missouri Alpha has initiated Frank Bingham Rollins, Columbia; and has pledged one new man. Charles Caloird from the Westminster chapter was affiliated in October. The chapter appreciated a visit from R. W. Baily, Wisconsin Alpha, last month. In the past week a new fraternity, ΠKA, has entered the university.

The football game between Missouri and Kansas at Kansas City on Thanksgiving decided the Missouri Valley championship and was won by Missouri. We are very proud of our team this year as they never lost a single game. Missouri Alpha had one man on this undefeated team, W. H. Saunders who played quarter back.

Columbia, December 19, 1909.

J. P. KLEIN.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

Plans are maturing and work is being rushed for two new buildings to replace those destroyed by fire in September. The board of trustees has approved plans for five new buildings, Westminster Hall, chapel, gymnasium, library and a dormitory, and these are all to be finished in two years. The enrollment is somewhat smaller this year but we feel that with new buildings and equipment the number of students will be greatly increased in September 1910.

The football season is over and while we did not have a victorious team yet brain and brawn were never shown to a better advantage. Brother Penney, being incapacitated for active work throughout the season, captained the team from the side-line while Brother McElhinney was field captain. Westminster was defeated by Kirksville Normal by a score of 10 to 5. Missouri Valley College was taken into our camp to the tune of 28 to 0. We were beaten by Wentworth 57 to 0. Our most important game was with our old rivals, Central College, on Thanksgiving day, score 11 to 5 in favor of Central. At the football

election December 3, Brother H. G. McElhinney was unanimously elected captain for the 1910 season.

Brothers Penney and Bartley are on the *Monthly* staff, while Brother Smith is on the board of management of all publications. Brother Smith played throughout the football season at end while Brother McElhinney was full-back.

James Carl Haldeman and Frank Hall Wright, Jr., were initiated November 6. Brother Penney is historian and Brother McKee secretary-treasurer of the junior class. Brother Cofer is president and Brother McElhinney vice-president of the sophomore class. Phikeia Roots is president of the freshman class. Phikeia Richmond is leader of the college band. Brothers Bartley, Wallace and Cofer are on the glee club.

Brother S. K. Ruick, P. G. C. and Mrs. Ruick favored us with a much appreciated visit on December 1. We have also had with us recently Brothers Garner Penney of Washington University and "Cynthia" Fisher of last year's chapter..

JNO. T. READY.

Fulton, December 6, 1909.

MISSOURI GAMMA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Missouri Gamma has spent an uneventful two months. We have given two teas, after the Missouri game and Vanderbilt game respectively. At the former K A Θ was the guest of honor. The chapter has some very neat post-cards with views of the university, which have been sent out as invitations to meetings and teas, and for a Christmas greeting.

The football season was considered successful. Washington has a very light team, but its policy is to play large schools rather than small ones which it could easily beat. Missouri was held to one touchdown in spite of outweighing Washington University over 10 pounds. Vanderbilt was held to two goals, the team making a superb fight before a record crowd. Kansas was our only bad defeat—an expected one.. Basketball is well under way.

Brothers Zeibig, Werner, Doane and Wilson have retired. We have pledged one man. Brother Lane has had trouble with his eyes, and Brother Eliot has had appendicitis. We had a very profitable visit from Brother Lamkin early in December.

The Graham Memorial Chapel was dedicated in November, and two or three assemblies have been held there since, all well attended.

We wish to urge all This in St. Louis, and our alumni in particular, to attend our meetings, of which notices are mailed on request; we assure them a cordial welcome and a good time.

St. Louis, December 31, 1909.

THOMAS D. ELIOT.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Nebraska Alpha regrets that she is unable to report a successful football season for the university team. We not only had to bow down in defeat to Minnesota, Kansas and Haskell Indians, but also had to rest contended with tie games with Iowa and South Dakota, and Knox and Denver as our only victories. Brother Richard Webster made a brilliant showing at end on the senior football team. Brother Earl Lee played left tackle on the victorious junior team.

Our rushing season ended some time ago and we pledged eight men.

Brother James O'Connor formerly of Pennsylvania Delta has won a place on the 'varsity basketball squad. Phikeia Louis Anderson distin-

guished himself by winning third place in the Western collegiate cross country run held at Chicago November 20. Brother Rolfe Halligan has been initiated into $\Phi\Delta\Phi$ (honorary law fraternity). We are represented this year in the Spikes, the freshmen honorary inter-fraternity, by Phikeias Reeder and Romans.

Brothers James Cline, Rolfe Halligan, Robert Romans and Archer Bunting had the pleasure of attending the Zeta Province convention.

During the football season we had visits from Phis of Illinois Delta, South Dakota Alpha, Iowa Beta and Kansas Alpha.

Lincoln, December 7, 1909.

RALPH COAD.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

As a result of the chinning season which closed December 4, we have pledged eight men. I am also glad to announce that Brother Paul M. Taylor of Huntington, Ind. has come to us from Illinois Alpha. The initiation banquet will be held December 17.

Dartmouth's 1909 football season, taken as a whole, has been a most successful one. The results of the games played this fall are as follows, Dartmouth's score being given first: Massachusetts State College 22-0; University of Vermont 0-0; Bowdoin College 15-0; Williams College 18-0; Amherst College 12-0; Holy Cross College 12-0; Princeton University 6-6; Harvard University 3-12; Total 88-18.

Of the first string men, Dartmouth loses four by graduation but in spite of this the prospects for a good team next year are exceptionally bright, since there will be several strong 1913 candidates who were ineligible for the 'varsity this fall owing to the freshman rule adopted this year for the first time. The basketball and hockey squads are both out and the winter sports have begun.

The members of New Hampshire Alpha are looking forward with pleasure to the province convention which is to be held at McGill University in February. Fourteen of the brothers expect to attend.

Hanover, December 8, 1909.

EVERARD S. PRATT.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

At the time of the Chicago-Cornell football game we were honored and pleased by the presence of twelve members of the fair sex. Our house-party was surely a success and we are anticipating a repetition during junior week.

Since the closing of an unsuccessful football season things have been rather quiet around the hill but the hockey and basketball teams are working diligently for the busy season coming. This year being the hockey team's debut in the inter-collegiate league we are looking forward to a great improvement in the game here and are reasonably expecting a credible showing in the final results. The basketball team is also promising a favorable outlook. Brother Douglass is on the 'varsity squad. The other minor sports, wrestling, fencing, boxing, etc. are finding a great number of admirers these days.

Subsequent to our last chapter letter the following honors have come to the house: Brother Holbrook was elected to Sphinx Head and appointed on the senior ball committee; Brother Tewksbury was picked for the senior banquet committee; Brothers Douglass and W. Wheeler were chosen for senior stunt committee; Brother Cook was also appointed to the senior class day committee; Brother MacArthur was elected president

of the junior class and appointed Brothers Names to the general committee, Retick to the feed committee and Kennedy to the promenade committee. Brother Pryor was selected chairman of the sophomore banquet committee while Brother Taylor got the freshman banquet committee. Brother Liggett was appointed to the sophomore cotillion committee. Brother MacArthur was elected to Nalanda club. Brother Names was elected to Pyramid.

It was recently announced that Brother Don Hall, '08 is about to take unto himself a wife. A new stock of pledge buttons has been ordered. We are pleased to announce the affiliation of Brother deLorenzi formerly of Indiana Beta.

W. H. KENNEDY.

Ithaca, December 20, 1909.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION UNIVERSITY.

As we draw towards the close of the fall term and the end of the year we feel that Old Union is still rapidly progressing in the inter-collegiate world. The new engineering building is nearly ready for occupancy and many minor improvements are being made on the campus. The advancement at Union is not by any means confined to the campus and buildings for during the past three years the trustees, faculty and student body have come into closer and closer relations until now they are practically one unit. The honor system proposed by the student body last spring has been in effect this fall and has been very successful.

Basketball practice started several weeks ago and the prospects for the season look very bright. Brother Shutler, '10 is out for the team. Hockey has been recognized by the athletic board and this year Union will have its first 'varsity hockey team. Brother Smith, '13 is out for the team.

Junior week this year will be February 3 to 5. Some of the events are the sophomore soirée, junior prom, a musical club concert and a theater party. New York Beta will give a house party at that time and will entertain with a dance the evening of February 5.

Brother Seaman, '10 is the delegate to the province convention; Brother Hunter, '11 is alternate.

HENRY E. WHITESIDE.

Schenectady, December 20, 1909.

NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Columbia has maintained its position as the university with the largest enrollment in this country, there being more than six thousand students registered. A much needed bequest of \$2,500,000 was left to the university by the late John Stewart Kennedy. This money will probably be used to complete University Hall.

Now that the inter-class football matches are over, the university has turned its attention to indoor track work and basketball. Only one man of last year's championship five has returned to college but there is plenty of good material to develop. Columbia won the first game of the season from the strong Trinity team by a large margin.

Brother L. Clapp, '10, who won his "C" on the 'varsity four last term, has been elected to Nacoms, the senior society. Brother Bertrand, '12 has been elected president of his class and Brother William Wheeler, the intercollegiate champion on the side horse, has been chosen captain of the gymnasium team. Brother A. H. Smith is assistant business manager of the "Dorms," and Brother Maurice won his "C C C," being on the cross country team.

Brother Darlington has arranged many concerts for the musical clubs. A trip will be taken to Philadelphia this year. Brother Ramsdell is on the glee club in addition to Brothers Penfield and Jenneret, and Brother Kilborn is on both the glee and mandolin clubs.

On December 10 the chapter gave the annual dance at the house. Twenty-five couples were present and all pronounced the affair a great success. We take pleasure in introducing the following men to the Fraternity: Brothers Johnston, '11 of Ishpeming, Mich.; Warren Hill, '11 of New York City; Stewart Maurice, '12 of Mamaroneck, and Philip Houghton of New York City. There are three men pledged who are in college now and two will enter in February.

New York, December 10, 1909.

FRANCIS T. ARMSTRONG.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Syracuse University was never more prosperous than now. In a recent report from the registration committee the total enrollment for the year was estimated at 3,428 showing an increase of 160 over last year. Brother Strafford has become a member of the faculty of the college of architecture.

After a successful rushing season New York Epsilon introduces to the Fraternity: William V. Healy, New York; Samuel E. Darby, Jr., Palisade; Paul Crosby, Senaca Falls; Floyd Parsons, Binghampton; Lloyd Allen, Geneva; Stephen Heustis, Newtown, L. I.; Edwin Shuman, Geneva; David Ingalls, Glens Falls; Harry Knupp, Jamestown; John Lyons, Goshen.

In class and college affairs $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is well represented. Brothers Faus and Kaley are members of the senior council which governs student affairs. Brother Kaley was recently elected head cheer master at all athletic events. Brother Walsh is leader of the 'varsity band and Brothers Norton, Walsh and Shuman are in the glee club. Brother S. E. Darby has been elected president of the freshman class.

In athletics the football team had one of the poorest seasons in its history. Losing practically our whole championship eleven last year, we started the year with but three 'varsity men and although we won all our minor games we made a very disappointing record. New York Epsilon was represented on the squad by Brothers Scully, Kirkpatrick, Lyons and Darby. An innovation in crew work was introduced this year at the university by having fall rowing practice in the rowing tank. The basketball team, captained by Brother Kilpatrick, has started practice and the prospects for a good team this year are exceptionally bright. We are represented on the squad by Brothers Kilpatrick, Lyons, Darby, Scully and Byrnes.

WALTER A. DARBY.

Syracuse, November 23, 1909.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The football team had a very successful season. Out of ten games played only two were lost. The season was made incomplete, however, by the cancellation of the Thanksgiving game with the University of Virginia on account of the death of a member of their team. Brother A. B. Deans was again back in his old position at center.

The Thanksgiving dances which were held on December 1 and 2 were a decided success and were the big bright spot on many a students' calendar.

North Carolina Beta has had a very prosperous fall and all indications point to an equally prosperous spring term. Brothers F. J. Coxe of Wadesboro and Isaac London of Pittsboro were visitors here this fall.

FLOYD G. WHITNEY.

Chapel Hill, December 18, 1909.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

Football is now at an end and basketball is the center of attraction for the student body. The team is not yet picked, but the chapter is represented by Brothers Wallace, Pine and Eldridge, all of whom have a good chance to make the team. The football season was noticeable principally for the display of rooting spirit which manifested itself this season for the first time in years. The rooters were greatly aided by the university band, led by Brother Hitchcock.

Miami has taken a forward step in athletics this year in applying for admission to the Ohio conference. The result of the application is not yet known.

Another of this year's innovations is the university social club, an organization open to all men of the university, giving monthly dances in the gymnasium. So far the dances have been very successful.

The literary work in the chapter, which was outlined in the September SCROLL, has been very good. We have had two addresses so far, one by the Rev. C. E. Schenck of Cincinnati, and the other by Judge Davis of Batavia. Both men gave splendid talks and their kindness was much appreciated by the brothers.

The chapter wishes to present to the Fraternity the following freshmen initiates: Arthur M. Gee, Lawrenceville, Ill.; Horace W. Butler, Bellefontaine; William Huston, Bellefontaine; Wallace Prugh, Camden; William McGinnis, Kingston; Herbert Pine, Centerville, and William Soeller, Columbus, Ind.

E. W. KEEVER.

Oxford, December 8, 1909.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

With an enrollment of about 1200 it was found necessary to increase the force of instructors in order to prevent overcrowding of classes. The university has undertaken the raising of \$500,000 to be added to our endowment, and under the direction of our energetic president a considerable part of this amount has already been pledged.

Ohio Beta has enjoyed a very successful term. On November 20 we initiated L. R. Driver, C. S. Huntsberger, H. E. Dewey, B. T. Skinner and L. R. Lynch. After the initiation we held our banquet, at which Brother J. E. Brown of Columbus, one of our most loyal alumni, presided.

Our football team showed the right spirit at all times this year and was a credit to the college. Brothers Patton and Gilruth received their "W," while Brothers Wright and Shipps did fine work on the squad.

Brother Roy Cope was compelled to leave school on account of sickness but will be back the winter term. We are glad to announce as a new pledge one of this fall's football stars. RALPH W. SOCKMAN.

Delaware, December 9, 1909.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter appeared in THE SCROLL we have pledged two men. Although the freshman class was very large it did not contain much good fraternity material.

Our football season was a very uncessessful one owing to the fact that Ohio is playing under the rules of the Ohio athletic conference and was forced to place so many inexperienced men on her team. Brother Ralph Lewis was elected captain of the team for 1910. The basketball material under the direction of Brother Wood, as captain, is showing up very well indeed. All the men of last year's team are out and working hard to get in condition for the hard schedule before them. Ohio Gamma is represented on the team by Brothers Wood (captain), Beckley and Lewis.

We are represented on the glee club by Brother White and Phikeia Ferrill; on the German club by Brothers Beckley and Coultrap; and on the historian club by Brothers Wood, Beckley, Coultrap and Thompson.

On the evening of October 29 we entertained with a Hallowe'en dance which was well attended and very enjoyable. Early in December the chapter entertained with two theatre parties; one given in the Athens Opera House where they witnessed "The Climax" and the other in the College Auditorium to attend the Herbert Witherspoon concert.

We have started to give a series of smokers on Saturday evenings which are attended by the members of the active chapter and their friends. These smokers give the men an opportunity to get together in a social way and are of very great value to them in every way.

We were very glad to receive visits from Brothers L. O. Potterf, Ohio Alpha and Mark Banta, Wisconsin Alpha.

Athens, December 14, 1909.

E. F. THOMPSON.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Ohio State finished a very successful football season by defeating Kenyon 22-0 Thanksgiving day. Four This won their "Os"—Jones, Wells, Powell and Boone. Jones and Powell made the fictitious all-Ohio team—Jones, quarter and Powell, left tackle. At the annual football election December 2, Brother Wells was elected captain for 1910.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Michigan Alpha for the splendid welcome they gave us at Ann Arbor on the occasion of the Ohio State-Michigan game. We had the pleasure of entertaining for a couple of days five This from Tennessee Alpha who accompanied their team to Columbus. Saturday night, November 13, after the game we had an informal smoker for the Vanderbilt This and alumni. Friday evening, December 3 the active chapter were the guests of Σ X at a dandy good smoker.

This year we hope to get into closer touch than ever before with our alumni. Every Saturday there is an alumni luncheon at the Neil House. These luncheons were started late last spring and have been renewed this year. They have been most successful and now that 1909 football is history several of the active chapter expect to be present each Saturday at these luncheons.

William Betts of Sidney was initiated October 9. Brother Clawson has been initiated into A Γ P. Brother Harr is vice-president of the Pan-Hellenic association. Brother Runkle is vice-president of the glee club and first bass on the university quartet.

This who may be in Columbus any Saturday should not forget to take luncheon at the Neil House at 12:30 p. m.

Columbus, December 10, 1909.

HARRISON E. BARRINGER.

OHIO ETA, CASE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

The football season is over and Case may be proud of the showing her team has made. The only game lost during the season was that with Michigan which resulted in a 3 to 0 score. Case and Oberlin are tied for the championship of Ohio as neither team lost a game with any Ohio team. Case brought back from Ohio State the cup which has been fought for so desperately during the last nine years.

Brothers Barren, Hinaman and Prochaska were on the team and will receive their letters. Brother Hinaman was selected as an "all-state" guard.

The musical clubs have given several concerts here in Cleveland and in other cities. Brother Barkdull is leader of the glee club and manager of the musical clubs. Ohio Eta is also represented on the clubs by Brothers Allen, Perry, Bogardus, Greaves and Hoyt. A concert was given at Ashtabula on December 11, after which a reception was given to the clubs by Brother Caudrey.

Since our last letter we have initiated Brothers Allen, Biddle, Hadley, Hoyt, Keyerleber, McAfee, McDaniel, Miller, Jungk and Probeck all of the class of 1913.

Brother Barkdull has been elected president of the senior class while Brother McDaniel holds the same position in the freshman class.

Cleveland, December 18, 1909.

JACK R. BALLIETT.

OHIO THETA, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

Brander Mathews, professor of dramatic literature in Columbia University, delivered a series of lectures on Moliere, the French dramatist, in the Roper course. Professor Mathews' reputation and the high quality of his lectures made the series a notable event.

The exercises for University Day, December 1, celebrated the new medical college formed by the union of the Ohio and Miami medical colleges. Victor Clarence Vaughan, M. D., Ph. D., LL. D., dean of the college of medicine, University of Michigan, delivered the address which was followed by a reception.

The annual three days luncheon, for the benefit of the University Settlement, was held December 2, 3 and 4. A bevy of loyal Phi girls served at the beautifully decorated table of our Fraternity. We were glad to welcome many of our Cincinnati alumni at this function.

The football team closed the season in fine style by defeating Miami on Thanksgiving day. Brother Easton was chosen left end on the all-Cincinnati team. Brother Al. Schroetter, '07 was chosen coach of the 'varsity basketball team. His call for candidates was answered by twenty-eight men including three of last year's regulars and much promising new material. Brother Kilgour has been re-elected manager of the team and Brother Rus. Easton will captain the team.

The chapter is in fine condition. A month ago we moved from our apartments down town to a new flat one minute's walk from the university. Our chapter house proposition is progressing rapidly. Every one of us is pulling hard to install Ohio Theta in a chapter house of her own and with the able support of her alumni, which she is receiving, our wish will soon be realized.

The rushing season is practically over but we still have several promising men in line. We introduce to our brothers the following loyal Phis: John Andrew Allen, sophomore engineer; Albert Tolger Snow, freshman co-op and William Sherman Shelow, Jr., sophomore academic.

We were glad to have Brothers Lange, '00; Stuart McGill, '00; Edwin Schroetter, '04; Brown McGill, '07; Al. Schroetter, '07; Ackerson, '09, Moore, '09, drop in and assist us with the initiation.

Brother P. G. Smith, Ohio Alpha, is taking a course in the liberal arts college, and Brother Bater, Michigan Alpha, is in the college of medicine.

L. M. CROSLEY.

Cincinnati, December 6, 1909.

ONTARIO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

Since the last issue of THE SCROLL Ontario Alpha has passed through a very successful rushing season and has initiated the following men: Edward Alfred Cuzner, '13, Ottawa; Louis Orville Breightaupt, '13, Berlin; Allen Hamilton Greenwood, '13, St. Catherines; Robert Smith, '12, Nanius, B. C.; Norman Holmes Lorimer, '13, Toronto; George Snyder Smith, '12, Toronto. The chapter has now an active membership of twenty-seven, sixteen of whom live in the house.

The football season has just closed and it was one long to be remembered by the graduates and undergraduates of Toronto University. The 'varsity team easily won the intercollegiate championship and on November 27 defeated Ottawa Rough Riders, interprovincial champions by 31 to 7 in what was considered the really difficult step towards the Dominion championship honors. One more team, the Parkdales winners of the Ontario Rugby union, were to be eliminated before 'varsity's title to the Dominion championship was clear. This eliminating process was accomplished by 26 to 6 in Toronto December 4. Rugby critics all over Canada are unanimous in proclaiming the university team as one of the greatest ever produced in the Dominion. Brother Hume occupied the position of middle wing on the team.

The Mulock cup emblematic of the interfaculty Rugby championship was won this year by Victoria College. The following brothers played on their respective faculty teams. Brothers Cuzner, Lorimer, Kennedy, Smith, Cory, Conn and Frites.

Brothers Frites and Ramsay played with the intermediates and Brothers Conn and Cuzner with the juniors who won the intercollegiate championship in their series. 'Varsity was also successful in winning the senior intercollegiate association football championship. The university track club of which Brother Conn is secretary-treasurer had a splendid season their team winning the intercollegiate championship by a handsome margin of over thirty points. Brother Browne has been elected secretary-treasurer of the basketball club.

The University dances were nearly all held during the Christmas term and included the undergraduates, alumni, medical and Rugby. The event calling for the most attention around the chapter house just now is the Christmas examinations and most of the boys are hard at it. The university closes December 17 for a two weeks vacation.

Toronto, December 6, 1909.

W. A. WILSON.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

The college has taken on an air of mourning since the beginning of Christmas examinations. The campus is as still as death, while from every dormitory and house within sight of the campus streams the light from the midnight oil.

Our football season has been one of the most successful in the history

of the college, having our goal line crossed but once in a tie game with Pennsylvania. The chapter was represented on the team by Crane and Irving.

We had great pleasure in receiving visits from Brothers Evans, Clark, '81; Black, '88, Penn. Beta; Trart, '03; Welch, '06; Alexander, '06; Bell, '08; DeWitt, '09.

L. LONG.

Easton, December 19, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

The football season at Gettysburg was not what can be called a success, but considering the conditions under which the team played, there is no discouragement felt. Gettysburg won four games, but we were defeated in the matches with Bucknell, Dickinson, the Indians and F. & M. The entire chapter went to Carlisle to see the games and was very agreeably entertained by Pennsylvania Epsilon. Phikeia Bowman proved to be the star of the season. His punting and end running in every important game were Gettysburg's strongest points. Brother Etsweiler, who played last year, was not out this year for the team. The scrub football team had on it three Phis, Brothers Diehl, Walker and Humphries. On the annual soph-fresh game the second year men won 8 to 0. Brothers Diehl and Humphries and Phikeia Hufford played on the victorious team, while Brother Walker and Phikeia Coleman played for the freshmen. Soccer has been started and a number of Phis have been out regularly and are making bids for the respective teams. Basketball has again been started and the first game is with Pennsylvania, January 8. Cross country running has also been initiated by Coach Vail.

Brother Tyson is on the college interfraternity dance committee. Brother Hoshour went to the Indian and F. & M. games as college press correspondent. Brother Tyson is our delegate to the Alpha Province convention.

Brother Lewis has just completed his baseball schedule. Brother Fritsch was recently elected assistant football manager and Brother Hoshour has been elected tennis manager.

The personnel of the college musical clubs has been announced and ΦΔΘ has far more than her share of positions. Brother Tighty is manager of the combined clubs; Brothers Etsweiler, Young, Musselman and Walker are on the mandolin and guitar clubs, and Brothers Tyson, Lighty and Fritsch are on the glee clubs. Brother Krebs has taken the place of Brother Iroin, '09, as college organist.

Two dances were held at the chapter house during November. The bal masque, November 3, proved to be not only unique among fraternity stunts at Gettysburg, but a source of great pleasure to everyone. About twenty couples were present and the house with its "spooky" effect presented a very pleasing scene. A dance was also held the evening before Thanksgiving day which also proved to be very enjoyable. Five Phis attended the inter-fraternity dance held several weeks ago.

The chapter acknowledges the visits of Brothers Weber, '82, Meisenholder, '04, Muhlenberg, '08, and Nichol, '09 besides that of Brother Mitchell of the general council.

HARVEY S. HOSHOUR.

Gettysburg, December 15, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Gamma takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, John Brownlee, '11, Washington; Raymond H. Duff, '13, Beaver; James Jackson, '13, Beaver Falls; Harry H. Eaton, '13, Beaver; Paul O'Neil, '13, Elizabeth; Frank Dean, '13, Munhall.

We have been exceedingly fortunate this year in having many visits from alumni, particularly the men of the last few years. Many brothers attended the banquet given by the Pittsburg Alumni Club at the Fort Pitt Hotel in honor of Brother Jennings, manager of the Tigers.

Brothers who represent us in the different departments connected with college are: Brown, '10, who was given the editorship of the *Washington and Jeffersonian*, a monthly publication of the college; O'Neil, '10, who was elected manager of the baseball team for the season of 1910; Murphy, '06, who was re-elected manager of the football team for next year; Eaton, '13, who plays forward on the freshman class basketball team; Brownlee, '11, who is a substitute on the junior class basketball team; Cunningham, '12, who was our only representative on the 'varsity eleven, having played a star game at guard.

Interest in athletics has turned toward the interclass basketball season which opened December 4. We have just ended a most successful football season, having met with only one defeat.

Washington, December 7, 1909.

H. A. TAYLOR.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The college glee club left December 14 on a four days tour taking in Beaver, Parnassus, Braddock and Irwin on the four successive nights. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is ably represented on the club by Brothers Harris, Weidler, Bortz, W. Maxwell, C. F. Brigham, Trosh and Wells. Brother Harris is the club reader and Brother Weidler is leader of the mandolin club.

The college football season closed November 20 when the team held the Carnegie Tech team down to 10 to 0. Seven games were played, five being lost and two won. Brothers Weidler, '11, Stidger, '11 and Hawk, '13, made $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ proud of them by distinguishing themselves throughout the season. Wiedler and Hawk won the letter "A."

The basketball season opened December 11 when the team defeated a team from Case School by the score of 68 to 14. Brother Maxwell who captained the team last year, and Brother Hawk were on the Allegheny team. Brother Weidler, who played a guard on last year's five, has not yet reported for practice because of an injury to his ankle received in the last football game of the season.

The Duzer-Du dramatic club, of which Brother Harris is vice-president has decided to stage Goldsmith's "She Stoops To Conquer." The cast will be selected by competition after the holidays and since eight or ten Phis are candidates for positions we are confident that the chapter will be well represented in the play.

A new scheme for the publication of the year book is about to be adopted at Allegheny. The plan is to give everyone who buys a copy of the book a vote in the election of the editor and manager for the following year. The idea seems feasible and although not yet adopted will likely be tried this year. It insures the support of the student body.

Our fall party which was held in the chapter house on November 20 was said by the old men to have been one of the most successful in the history of Pennsylvania Delta. It was in charge of Brother Harris and was skillfully managed by him.

We are expecting to have a big time on Thursday, the last day before the beginning of vacation, when we are planning to have a Christmas tree burdened with presents for everyone. Brother W. L. Stidger, '10, who is now enrolled in Boston University, has promised to be with us then.

THOMAS HUGHES.

Meadville, December 15, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

The material which reported for football in the beginning of the season was not as good as authorities had expected but the squad was enlarged and Dickinson was soon on its feet ready to compete in football with the larger institutions.

The defeat of Gettysburg by a 14 to 0 score; of Johns Hopkins by 12 to 6; the tie score 6 to 6 with Bucknell University, and a defeat by Lafayette, at Easton, by 5 to 0, which had the essence of a victory on account of the illegality of the lone touchdown, speak for themselves. Wardrop, '10, Boyd, '12, and Bashore, '13, were three Phis who did excellent work for the eleven this year. All three are big husky men, with the abundance of nerve, skill and experience which are essential. Wardrop played center the whole season except the last three games. On account of injuries he was forced to retire from the game for the rest of the season. Boyd, '12, played end for the Gettysburg game only. A few years ago Boyd played for Dickinson and won such renown that he has been accounted one of our best all around football men. He retired from the college for a couple of years but returned again this fall with the intention of retiring from the game, but on account of the dire necessity of a good end, he ventured out for practice five days before the Gettysburg game. A few minutes before this game his physician warned him to stay out of the game, that on account of heart trouble it was a matter of life or death to him. Through his wonderful work we won, but he became exhausted in the last half of play, and has remained in bed ever since. He is gradually recovering and we hope to be able to welcome the noble Phi back by the first of January.

Bashore, '13, played right guard the entire season. Besides playing football, "Bash" is an instructor in the commercial department of Conway Hall.

Bill Houseman, '11, has played on the 'varsity for two years and has been a valuable asset to college athletics. On account of his operation for appendicitis in June, he has been compelled to withdraw from college activities and resign the captaincy of the basketball team. He has resumed his work in the law school and is feeling fine at this writing.

The sophs won the interclass football game by a score of 10 to 0. Henderson, '12, Paterson, '12, Bashore, '13 and Stine, '13, played in this game.

Since our last letter we have held one of our annual informal dances and a smoker; to the latter we invited several of the instructors of the college. The few Phis who were stranded in town over Thanksgiving gave a dance in the house and invited as guests members of ΔX , $B\Theta\Pi$, $\Phi K\Psi$ and a few town friends.

Reindollar, '13, gave a house party at his home during Thanksgiving vacation. Brothers Deardorf, '11, Stotler, '10, Henderson, '12, Paterson, '12, and Holland, '13, were his guests.

Brother Best has not been affiliated with our chapter as stated in the

last SCROLL on account of having been pledged to the Δ X law fraternity. Brothers "Cy" Young and "Biel" Houseman have had the same honor recently.

We take this opportunity to announce our Alumni Big Dance to be held in the early part of February. The date has not been decided upon definitely but all persons who are interested in this dance will please inform the reporter of their intention of attending and due information will be sent them. We welcome all This who can attend this dance, and will be glad to hear from them at an early date.

We acknowledge the visit of Frank J. R. Mitchell, the editor of THE SCROLL.

HARRY K. HOCH.

Carlisle, December 6, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The chapter takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity the following new brothers: H. H. Blish, Dubuque, Iowa; W. F. Hogan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; C. H. C. Pearsall, Mauch Chunk; D. A. Hogan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; C. B. Rhoads, Philadelphia; F. B. Prichett, Philadelphia; H. V. Massey, Jr., Philadelphia; B. G. Wallace, Philadelphia; J. C. Huber, Philadelphia; S. H. Kreimer, Cincinnati, Ohio; R. N. Hamilton, Milwaukee, Wis.; H. C. Hickman, Wilmington, Del.; A. D. Oliphant, Trenton, N. J. and D. M. Paddock, Milwaukee, Wis. The following brothers have affiliated: H. E. Snyder, Cornell; C. M. Stubbs, Georgia Tech.; F. K. Altman, Williams and E. W. Grant, Kansas.

Generally speaking, our rushing season is now over and the chapter is in very good condition from every standpoint. The following brothers now hold college honors: Treat, member Wharton School executive committee, senior football team, and the Philadelphia orchestra committee; Blish, president of the Wharton School association, Friars senior society, and vice-president of Le Cercle Francais society; Bennett, junior honor committee, and chairman of the junior tea committee; Brothers Scudder, Pearsall and Smith are on the Wharton School Christmas committee; Wallace, 1913 executive committee, and The Philomathian society; Oliphant, chairman of the 1912 law pipe committee; Brothers Hamilton, Rhoads, Huber, Kreimer, and Wallace were bowl guards in the soph-fresh bowl fight; Brothers Tyler and Smith are on the 'varsity basketball squad; Hogan is playing on the 'varsity soccer and hockey team; Hickman, Bennett and Snyder are on the musical clubs; Pryor was a bowl guard and a member of the 1912 football team; Lucas was on the push ball committee, sophomore poster committee, and 'varsity swimming squad. On the class crews we were represented by Brothers Bennett, Huber, Rhoads, Pryor, Wallace and Altman. Snyder and Grant are out for the university publications. Prichett is on the 1913 picture committee, and Kreimer played on the 1913 class football team.

The chapter is busy now making arrangements for the mid-winter dance, which is to be held shortly after the Christmas vacation. The committees have been appointed and we have every reason to expect a most pleasant affair. College proper closes December 23 for the Christmas holidays, and vacation ends January 3, 1910.

Philadelphia, December 10, 1909.

BYRON F. ELY.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Lehigh has prospered since the opening of college and among other improvements is a new laboratory for the department of mining engineering which will be fitted up with the most elaborate modern testing apparatus.

In football we have been only fairly successful winning from University of Virginia and Haverford but losing to Army and Lafayette.

Since our last letter we have initiated two men and take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers Thomas A. Bryant, '13, of Brooklyn, N. Y. and A. Kemmer Cosgrove, '13, of Hastings.

The annual production of the university minstrel association is to take place December 11. Brothers Camp, Thompson and Bryant are in the chorus.

On December 3 we gave a very successful and enjoyable dance in the house thus creating a new custom for the chapter.

We have our share of college honors this term and all the brothers are in some college activities. Brother Rose is a member of the athletic committee; Brother Borden has been elected to the 1911 *Epitome* board; Brother Baumgartner is football manager for next year and is a member of Triskaideka; Brother Camp is on the glee club; Brother Baird is on the sophomore relay team; Brother Franklin played on the sophomore football team and Brother Cosgrove is vice-president of the freshman class.

Brother Homer, who has spent the last year in Texas, is expected to return to college in February. Many of our alumni were back for the Lafayette game, including Brothers Newby, '89, Knox, '89, Treverton, '06, Smith, '07, Shaffer and Spaeth, '08, and Coyle, '09.

South Bethlehem, December 10, 1909.

FRANK S. BORDEN.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA, PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

This year more than ever before the college has shown herself to be progressing with great strides. Several very valuable additions have been made to the faculty and several new courses of study have been added both in agriculture and in engineering. Then too our successes in athletics have been very many so far, which shows that we are rapidly going to the top in all branches of college activities.

Our football season which closed Thanksgiving day at Pittsburg was probably the most successful we have ever had. We went through the season undefeated, having ties with Penn. and the Indians. It is almost certain that our great captain and quarterback, Larry Vorhis, will be chosen quarterback on Walter Camp's All-American team, for he was chosen for that position by almost all the newspapers and it is certain he had no equal this season.

Our basketball team looks forward to a very successful year, having already won their first game from the Harrisburg Collegians by a large score, so that our prospects are very bright for the season.

From the showing made in the cross country run which was held December 11 our track team should be above the average. Then too Lee Talbot who entered here this year from Cornell will be a tower of strength both on the track team and wrestling team.

Over Pennsylvania Day we held one of the most enjoyable and successful house parties we have ever had. There were about twenty-five guests here from Thursday November 17 to Monday: Among the guests

was Brother Dawson, H. P. whom we were all very glad to have with us.

Brother Louis Cuthbert has been elected football manager for next year Brother K. B. Sleepy has been elected assistant athletic manager. We expect to have Brother W. P. Miller with us soon. "Chon" is now on his way home from Brazil. Brother Coones, '09, is in Texas. Brother F. B. Miller, '09, is in California. Brother W. E. Fowler, '09, is in Long Island City, N. Y. Brother Frank King, '10, is recovering very nicely from his recent illness of typhoid fever.

State College, December 11, 1909.

K. B. SLEPPY.

QUEBEC ALPHA, MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

We are glad to introduce the following new brothers, who are undoubtedly the pick of their class: Grey Massen, Ottawa; Chas. Black, Winnipeg; Percy Norton, Hamilton; Henry Lovell, Coaticook; Barclay Brown, Londonderry. We also have two Phikeias. We regret very much the loss of Charles Black who had to return home shortly after the opening of the session on account of illness, but we hope to have him with us again next fall.

Our football season has just closed though not without defeats. We had the only team that succeeded in worsting Toronto, the inter-collegiate champions, who have since won the Dominion championship. After the first game Brother Vaughan Black, last year's captain, got out and in spite of his bad shoulder played a brilliant game at outside wing. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ was well represented on the class teams. Brother Duffield was captain of the sophomore team. The coming hockey team is now occupying the centre of the stage and McGill has a very good chance of landing the championship. Brothers Don Blair, Don Masson and Grey Masson are out and will in all probability catch places on the team.

The junior dance which was held in the Union November 19 was a brilliant success in all respects. Brothers Cromkie and Smith were on the committee. On the afternoon of November 20 a largely attended at home was given in the chapter house.

In October we published the first number of a small paper containing chapter news and personals which was sent to all our alumni. This is issued by the alumni association and the active chapter jointly and it is the intention to send out three numbers during the college year.

The province convention is the coming event on our calendar and we are looking forward to having a host of visiting Phis with us on that occasion. A bulletin of the convention arrangements is being prepared and will be mailed shortly after New Years.

We are very glad to welcome another Phi to Montreal in the person of Brother "Biff" Hitt, Cornell, '09, who is located here permanently. We were very glad to have Brother Dickenson, '07, spend a few days with us last week.

A. C. REID.

Montreal, December 5, 1909.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA, BROWN UNIVERSITY.

On November 20, Brown completed a successful season of football by defeating Carlisle at New York by the score of 21 to 6. Brother Regnin, captain and right end, was given the choice for end on the all-American by many of the leading New York and Boston newspapers and a place on the roll of honor which Walter Camp has chosen. The team this year played the usual large schedule having Pennsylvania,

Harvard and Yale almost in succession. Brother Adams, '12, was elected manager of his class basketball team.

At present the outlook for a good freshman delegation is excellent as less than 50 per cent of the entering class have pledged to the fraternities not in the rushing agreement. Most of the rest are the strongest men in the class and by all appearances they are waiting for the pledging season of the five fraternities who are in the agreement. Theoretically all of the five should get good and also large delegations.

Brother Bass, '00, who is with the Boston News Bureau visited the chapter a short time ago and happened to drop in at the same time with Brothers Hopkins, Solomon and Tift. Some good stories of the life at Brown in their times were passed around before the meeting broke up.

Coach White has called out the basketball squad and already has had scrimmages. The outlook for a good team this year is especially good.

SEWARD T. JARVIS.

Providence, December 13, 1909.

SOUTH DAKOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

The university is now well under way in all departments and is in unusually prosperous condition. Although many improvements and enlargements have been made, all available room is needed to accommodate the large attendance.

During Thanksgiving week we had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers Pflaum, '09; Gault, '09; Raish, '05; M. P. Beebe, '05; Johnson, '06; Sullivan, '08 and Jordan, '00. They had come in expectation of seeing our last football game of this season, which was unfortunately canceled. South Dakota has lost only one game this year, having won the state championship and played a very close game with a very much larger school. South Dakota Alpha was represented on the team by Brother Christ and Phikeia Felber.

There are now two local fraternities at the university, the BGamma society, which is petitioning BThetaPi, and the PHP society, petitioning SigmaAlphaEpsilon. The latter received the approval of their province convention and seem to have a good chance of being successful.

South Dakota Alpha has been very fortunate this year and now has nine Phikeias. There are eleven active members, all of whom would be glad to welcome any visiting Phi.

H. W. MITCHELL.

Vermillion, December 5, 1909.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

These two months since the last issue of THE SCROLL have been uneventful except in the football world. We had quite a surprise awaiting us after a season which was up to the standard of victories. It was an overwhelming defeat at the hands of Sewanee. We were not prepared for this and it came as quite a shock. However we have recovered in every way except financially and are ready to turn the tables next year.

This year, for the first time, class teams were organized and played for a cup given by our coach. The winning team was to have its name on the cup which was to be kept among the other athletic trophies. The freshmen challenged the sophomores and the juniors challenged the seniors. Games were played which resulted in the freshmen being given

a drubbing at the sophs hands and in a tie between the seniors and the juniors, which has not yet been played off. A good deal of interest was taken in the games.

Our chapter is in a very healthy condition and this extremely cold weather keeps us indoors and gives good opportunity for studying. There is nothing to divert us in the university at present, but basketball will soon fulfil that office.

W.M. M. ANDERSON, JR.

Nashville, December 10, 1909.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Prospects for the university are exceedingly bright at present, due among other causes to the election and acceptance of Dr. William B. Hall, the acting vice-chancellor, to permanently occupy this office.

In football this year we succeeded in winning the undisputed title of "Champions of the South," having defeated all of our Southern rivals. This achievement is more notable when one considers that the student body numbers only 95, and therefore to alumni coaching and to the famous "sewanee spirit" must all honor be given.

The local chapter has not been at all backward in taking honors. On the gridiron, we had one regular, Brother Faulkinberry, and three substitutes, Brothers Gillespie, Russell and Stone. Brother Lockhart has been elected director of the glee club, while Brother Beckwith is vice-president of the senior German club, secretary of the Sewanee dramatic club, and critic of ΣE , one of the debating societies. Brother Stone was elected business manager of the 1909 college annual, the *Cap and Gown*, and Brother Faulkinberry is president of the athletic association, captain of the 1910 basketball team and delegate to the meeting of the Southern intercollegiate athletic association. Brother Field is a member of the university debating council and vice-president of $\Pi \Omega$ debating society. Brother Marshall has been elected business manager of the *Sewanee Purple*, the students' weekly newspaper, (of which Brother Beckwith is editor-in-chief,) and treasurer of $\Pi \Omega$. Brother Cracraft is president of the junior German club and secretary of ΣE . In addition Brother Faulkinberry has recently been elected to Chelidon and Brother Marshall to Phradian, being the two select senior speaking societies. All the rest of our members are working hard to uphold the good name of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in their classes, on the *Purple* staff, in debating and writing societies, in the social line etc.

Brothers Smith of Vanderbilt and Tatem of Randolph-Macon, have been on the Mountain recently attending a convention of ΣT . The parent chapter of this writing fraternity, Sopherim, is located at Sewanee and Brothers Lockhart and Beckwith are members.

One new member, Brother Allison R. Williams, of Yazoo City, Miss., is introduced to the Fraternity at large. E. A. MARSHALL.

Sewanee, December 10, 1909.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Texas Beta feels considerable pride in introducing to the Fraternity these new members: Andrew McCormick and Clay Preston, Dallas; Donald Penn, Austin; Frank Boynton, Waco; Homer Harris, Henderson; John James, San Antonio; Thomas Ramey, Jr., Tyler; Joseph Ward, Cisco; and Harold Kimball, Cleburne. We now have a roll of thirty-three, about our usual number.

Already several honors have been conferred upon us. Mills Reeves

is president of the senior laws. Cedric Burgher is on the board and Robert Penn is assistant editor-in-chief of the *Cactus*, our annual. Harwood Stacy is on the staff of the *Texan*, the 'varsity newspaper. John James played in several football games and just missed making his letter.

On October 27, 1909, Ireland Graves, president of Theta Province, was married to Miss Mary Stedman of this city. On the night before the wedding an informal dance was given by the chapter in honor of Miss Stedman. Those present were the members of Texas Beta, the local chapter of the bride's fraternity, K K I, and a few others. The best man was Ernest Kurth, Texas Gamma, '05, and the groomsmen were Alex. Pope, Raymond Dickson, Alex. Stedman, Currie McCutcheon, J. C. Muse and Robert Penn, all of Texas Beta.

The university this year has the largest attendance in its history. Brother Casteel from the University of Pennsylvania has been added to the faculty in the department of biology, and Brother E. T. Miller has returned, after two years leave of absence at Harvard, to his place as instructor in economics.

Just yesterday the governor announced that he had withdrawn his veto of \$100,000 of the university appropriation. This will make possible the new library building that is so much needed. Construction is now well under way on a \$75,000 heating plant, another great necessity.

Austin, December 6, 1909.

ROBERT R. PENN.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

• Affairs at Southwestern have been rather lively for the past week. Everything has been excitement since Southwestern administered an overwhelming defeat to Tulane at New Orleans. After a very gloomy football season our team surprised us all by drubbing the "big" Tulane bunch 18 to 0. When the team returned they were met at the train by a large crowd of loyal supporters and a royal reception was given them. All of us felt an unusual interest in the team this fall since Brother Snipes, a player of ability, was captain.

Texas Gamma is proud of herself this year. We have initiated seven of the best men who ever attended Southwestern, and we take pleasure in introducing Brothers Nat Allen, '13; Rivers Allen, '13; Paul Jones, '13; John Richardson, '13; and R. O. Stewart, '11. We now have twenty-two men in the chapter and men in all the "spotlight" of college activity.

Our chapter thus far has the following college honors: captain and two men on the football team; manager and three men on the glee club; president of the students' association; business manager of the college weekly; students assistant in chemistry; and Brother Stewart has been elected president of the junior class.

Brother A. V. Cockrell has been chosen as our representative to the province convention to be held in New Orleans during the Mardi Grass carnival in February.

Since our last letter we have been favored with visits from Brothers M. N. Lipscomb, Ben Hearne and C. M. Armstrong.

Georgetown, December 6, 1909.

CHAS. T. STONE.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

The football season this fall has been remarkably successful and the team was one of which Vermont might well be proud. Eight games were played, four of which were victories, two tie games and two defeats. Brown and Cornell were the only colleges who could defeat us and we had the distinction of being the only team Dartmouth failed to score on. The Phis were represented on the team by Brother Welch, '10 who played a particularly strong game at tackle, and Brother Torrance, '13, at centre. Brother Comings, '10, was manager of the team.

The sophomores were victorious in the annual sophomore-freshman football game, which was played November 20. It was by far the best class game played on Centennial Field for many years. The Phis on the sophomore team were Brothers Field, Abbott and Waterman, while Brother Torrance played with the freshmen. The score was 11 to 6.

A student organization movement is now on foot at the university and a committee has already been appointed to draw up a constitution for the same which will be duly presented to the student body for acceptance. This student organization will fill a long felt want at Vermont. Brother Peck is chairman of the committee which has this matter in charge. Brother Welch has been appointed chairman of the senior cane committee.

As a result of the horseshedding season this fall we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers William Wren Hay, '10, of Fort Ethan Allen; James E. Fullam, '11, of Brookfield; Arthur L. Averill, '13, of Barre; Lewis McLouth Lally, '13, of Port Chester, N. Y.; James Herbert Hoffnagle, '13, of Ticonderago, N. Y.; J. Robert Torrance, '13 of New York, N. Y.; Henry Edward Randall, Jr., '13, of Island Pond. Brother Fullam was initiated on the evening of October 20 and Brother Hay on December 4. The initiation of the freshmen took place on the evenings of October 29 and 30, the annual initiation banquet being held at the chapter house October 30. A good number of alumni were present.

On the evening of November 22 Vermont Alpha gave a dance in the Masonic temple hall. The hall, which was decorated with long streamers of electric lights wound with blue and white crepe paper, presented a very pleasing appearance. Refreshments of coffee and sandwiches were served during the intermission, while punch could be had at all times. In the receiving line were Judge and Mrs. Mower, Major and Mrs. Tate and Brother Lockwood, '11. The success of the occasion was due in no small degree to the hard work of the committee composed of Brothers Lockwood, '11, Harris, '12, and Ferguson, '12, who had the dance in charge. A few of the local alumni were present as well as nearly every member of the active chapter.

On the evening of December 3 Judge and Mrs. Mower entertained the chapter and alumni at their residence on South Willard Street. The affair was very informal and was greatly enjoyed by all. It was especially appreciated by the members of the active chapter for it showed us that our alumni are loyal and greatly interested in our welfare. The chapter is greatly indebted to Brother and Mrs. Mower for the very pleasant evening they afforded us.

Brothers Frank H. Smith, '09 and Philip A. Dewey, '09 are among the recent visitors at the chapter house. Brother Harris, '09 made us a visit a short time ago.

Since our last letter Brother Abbott, '12 has re-entered college.

Brother Harris, '12 recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Mary Fletcher hospital in this city. The operation was successful and Brother Harris is doing as well, as could be expected.

Burlington, December 9, 1909.

GEORGE P. TUTTLE, JR.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Since the last letter to THE SCROLL was written Virginia Beta has initiated the following men whom we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity: John Howze, Jr., of Marion, Ala.; Henry S. MacKay of Los Angeles, Cal.; Lewis J. Lemen of Denver, Col.; and Miner Carson Lile and John Lile Campbell of University.

The whole college world has probably heard of the sad ending of Virginia's football season. Archer Christian our star left half-back was seriously injured in the last few minutes of play in the Georgetown game after doing so much towards helping Virginia to run up a score of 21 to 0, and he died that night after an operation. Brother M. K. Harris who played in the backfield during the first part of the season and at guard during the latter part, was recently awarded his football "V." The basketball season has just opened here, only one game having been played thus far. Brother Campbell played at one of the forwards in this game and the indications are that he will be a fixture on the first team.

The legal scholarship fraternity of Θ K N was recently installed here and Brother J. S. Chambers was elected vice-president of the Virginia chapter.

We are glad to welcome back into the chapter Brother Julius Glass who was with us last year. Among visiting Phis we have been pleased to have with us Brothers W. S. Mudd and T. D. Sloan of this chapter, and Brother H. L. Watson former president of this province, and Brother J. H. Nelms, Virginia Delta.

University, December 19, 1909.

BODLEY BOOKER.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

At the writing of this letter we are in the midst of examinations and anything but the letter-writing spirit is upon us. Reviewing casually the football season it can be said that for Randolph-Macon it was neither a total failure nor a total success. Records show, however, that we were easily the fastest and classiest eleven of the four colleges in Virginia contesting for the eastern championship. Hampden-Sidney and Randolph-Macon broke even in the fight and the tie was not played off. Brother John C. Simpson, '10, showed up in spectacular style in the backfield for the college throughout the whole season. His speed was particularly noticeable while on the offense he was always to be relied upon. Brother C. Claude Carroll showed up well whenever he was called upon to supply the quarter's position. We are looking forward expectantly to a "big league" development in this new man. Brothers Carroll and S. G. Blanton are now on the basketball squad. Randolph-Macon recently whipped Fredericksburg in a pretty exhibition of this game. We promise to capture many honors during the rest of the basketball season. Brother H. V. Bounds was elected one of the debaters on Frank Hall debate, to take place in the early spring.

At the council of Σ T literary fraternity held at Sewanee, Tenn., in

November, B. T. Tatem represented the Randolph-Macon club. This society is now installed in six southern institutions and several other institutions are seeking admittance. It is the impression of the writer that $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is well represented in this young growing society. Brother Simpson is a member at this college.

Virginia Gamma is in very good condition. The standing in class work is strenuously looked after and the men are making extra efforts to meet the exactions of the faculty. We can cheerfully and honestly say that our work is considered somewhat above the average for a body of men. It is our desire to maintain a good standard in this particular especially. With the coming of the New Year there is a resolve amongst us to secure even better results than have been ours in the past months.

B. T. TATEM.

Ashland, December 19, 1909.

VIRGINIA ZETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The close of the football season at Washington and Lee on November 13 practically marked the ending of all important student activities here this fall, the first term examinations beginning on December 11. Basketball practice has begun, but no regular games are scheduled until after Christmas; the sophomore cotillion and the cotillion club dance at Thanksgiving have alone served to break the monotony of the regular college routine. Brothers Coke, H. J. Lemley and Thach are among the new members of the cotillion club.

The football season did not result in much glory to Washington and Lee for while Davidson, Wake Forest, Hampden-Sidney and Roanoke College were all beaten with ease, the team lost overwhelmingly to its old rival V. P. I. and also suffered defeat at the hands of A. & M. of North Carolina 3 to 0, and University of North Carolina, 6 to 0. The Thanksgiving contest with Georgetown was cancelled owing to the sad death of one of the University of Virginia's players in the Virginia-Georgetown game. Brother Thach was assistant manager of the team and has been elected manager of the 1910 team by the athletic association. Brothers Coulter and Glasgow were members of the class teams.

Brother Allen was recently chosen director of the university band, Brother Thornton also being a member of the organization. Brothers Manor, Allen and J. D. Richardson represent the Fraternity in the mandolin and guitar club. Brother McKee, B. R. Richardson and H. J. Lemley have been elected to P. A. N., one of the ribbon societies here, and Brothers Coke and Watson made the S. B. C. society. Brother Steele has been elected president of the Pennsylvania club. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is also represented on the *Ring Tum Phi* (weekly) and *Calyx* (annual) boards.

Virginia Zeta had the pleasure recently of a visit from Brother Gravely of Virginia Gamma and hopes to entertain more Phis in the near future at its chapter house.

Lexington, December 9, 1909.

ROBT. G. THACH.

WASHINGTON ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

Washington again annexed the championship of the Northwest in football. Under the efficient coaching of Gilmour Dobie of Minnesota a team was developed which even surpassed the smooth running machine of last year. On this team Washington Alpha had six "W" men out of the fourteen namely Brothers Tegtmeier, center; Mucklestone, right

half (captain); Coyle, quarter; Eakins, tackle; Diether, fullback; Wand, left half. Brothers Tegtmeier, Coyle and Eakins were picked for the All-Northwest team. This is the fourth year for "Teg" and he made a brilliant finish by playing a phenominal game. Critics from the East say Coyle is a second Eckersall and the kicking of Eakins is not surpassed in America. The girls of the university presented each man of the first and second team with a gold "W" stick pin and the A. S. U. W. besides the sweaters, gave the "W" men gold football fobs.

Interfraternity basketball takes the center of the stage after Christmas. The outlook for the Phis is quite promising.

The university dramatic club is to present "Half Back Sandy" in the near future; Brother Denny has a leading part and promises to do himself and $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ proud. Brother Johnstone was recently elected president of the Wash-Law club. Brothers Coyle, Mullen and Wand were elected to the sophomore society Tyes Tyon. The date for the $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ formal has been set for February 11. The annual New Years theatre party followed by a dance at the chapter house will be pulled off as usual New Years eve. Brother Craig Prince from Pennsylvania Zeta is making us a short visit on his way East from Alaska.

Seattle, December 12, 1909.

WALTER WAND.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

In the last number of THE SCROLL attention was called to the investigation of fraternities that is being conducted by the regents in accordance with a recent act of the legislature. We regret that we can not keep the Fraternity posted on the progress of this investigation. All that we can learn is that it is secret and to be very thorough. It is not discussed in faculty circles and so we learn nothing in that direction. Not long ago Chancellor Strong of the University of Kansas, in an address before the Wisconsin student body, mentioned the existence of an undemocratic spirit among fraternities which he thought might prove dangerous to their existence. This comment gives evidence that the movement is not confined to Wisconsin but is likely to be widespread and that the movement gets its impetus largely from faculty circles.

Brother Emmett Horan, our delegate to the Zeta Province convention in Kansas City, reported enthusiastically of the hospitality of the Kansas City Phis.

We have been especially fortunate this year in having the visits and help of many alumni. Especially Brother Westerman of the faculty and Brother Art Sullivan who is practicing in the city. Brother Baily also was a visitor for a day in November. Brothers Blair and Ralph Hartley, Kemp, Roberts, Minton, Sweet, Allen, Wilbur, Wheelahan, and Foster have all visited us.

At the time of writing there is a movement started for the formation of a fraternity council. Meetings have been held at which all fraternities were represented. The movement is as yet unratified by the separate fraternities but in case it is carried out the movement promises some good results. The immediate end in view is the working in on the investigation and to co-operate with it if possible. Last year a Pan-Hellenic was agitated but was never carried through, but it seems as if the demands arising in connection with the investigation will force it through this year.

Our annual football game with $B\Theta\Pi$ did not come off this fall in

view of the fact that the majority of last year's veterans wished to avoid a repetition of that experience. But a smoker held with Beta under the auspices of Senator Frank Frey proved just as enjoyable and resulted in fewer casualties.

BENJ. S. BEECHER.

Madison, December 10, 1909.

ALUMNI CLUBS.

MOSCOW.

The Moscow Alumni Club has recently received its charter from the general council. Its formation is a result of the establishment of the Idaho chapter. The club now boasts of twenty-five members, practically all of whom live in Moscow. Although many of our men are alumni of the Idaho chapter, still others represent chapters from Maine to Washington.

Our first meeting was held November 20 at the chapter house on the University Hill. Officers were elected and plans laid for weekly luncheons at the Moscow Hotel.

Idaho Alpha entertained us in a royal manner at their initiation banquet. It is one of the main objects of the alumni club to work in conjunction with the local chapter for the best interests of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ at the University of Idaho.

WILLIAM E. LEE.

December 13, 1909.

CHICAGO.

Another of the joint undergraduate dinners was held at the Union Restaurant on the evening of Saturday November 20 directly after the Wisconsin-Chicago football game. Northwestern again took the honors for attendance but Wisconsin was the most exuberant.

After some social intercourse the party with the exception of the Wisconsin aggregation, which was too happy a crowd to be detained on such a mild provocation adjourned to Masonic Hall, Rogers Park, where a most successful informal dance was held through the efforts of Harry E. Weese, Illinois Alpha, '05. About fifty Phi Delt couples tripped the light fantastic to excellent music furnished by Harry Auracher, Illinois Delta, '07.

Northwestern was there abundantly and Chicago was well represented as well as the alumni of various other chapters.

A schedule of similar parties to be held in Rogers Park and on the south and west sides is now being arranged by our popular social secretary Brother Weese.

The attention of all Phis, who in their travels may visit Chicago, is called to the weekly luncheons held every Friday at the Boston Oyster House at 12:30. An attendance of about twenty-five is the rule including many transients and a few of the old standbys who get there whenever they are able.

GEO. E. LISCOMB.

November 29, 1909.

PITTSBURG.

The first formal affair given by the Pittsburg brothers will in all probability be held sometime after the middle of January; it is now in the hands of a committee headed by Brother T. Chalmers Duff.

Any of the brothers desiring information as to this or any other of the series of social affairs planned by the Pittsburg Alumni Club for

this winter can obtain the same by addressing the secretary at 2101 Farmers Bank Building, or, what is better, avail himself of the hospitality held out to all brothers at the regular Friday meeting held at a special table in the dining room of the Hotel Henry.

Brother J. Farmer Bell again meets with us and we sure are pleased to see him. Brother J. Audley Pierce who has been spending practically the whole fall in the far Northwest has returned and is again in his accustomed place,—we need him. Things look good in every way for Pittsburg. We extend to all the brothers our most hearty greetings.

December 7, 1909.

WILLIAM R. MAIN.

PERSONAL.

All readers of THE SCROLL are requested to forward personals about alumni. Reporters are urged to forward them with every chapter letter, but on separate sheets. A favor will be conferred on the Editor by writing them in the form in which such items appear below.

Please write all proper names very clearly.

Clippings should bear the names and dates of the papers from which they have been cut.

A particular request is made for information about members who have recently died, including more especially the date and place of death.

Butler—James L. Murray, '09, is located at Hume, Ill.

Ohio—George G. Thomas, '09, is located at Jackson, Ohio.

McGill—James H. Stovell, '03, is located at Naughton, Ont.

Indiana—Wilbur S. Allison, '09, is located at Spencer, Ind.

Toronto—Hugo B. Rathbun, '12, is located at Belleville, Ont.

Illinois—Asa B. Cutler, '06, is located at Hood River, Ore.

Idaho—Norman B. Adkison, '07, is located at Grangeville, Ida.

De Pauw—Harry L. Davis, '94, is located at South Bend, Ind.

Colorado—Chas. M. Hodson, '09, is practicing law in Greeley, Colo.

Indiana—Wm. H. Hawley, '80, is a physician at College Corner, Ohio.

Gettysburg—Hiram H. Keller, '01, is practicing law at Doylestown, Pa.

Indiana—Charles Gotschall, '05, is located at 1259 Jackson Blvd., Chicago.

Minnesota—E. H. Stong, '00, is operating a fruit ranch at Porterville, Cal.

Stanford—Leigh Kelley, '07, is with the Kelley Trust Co., Ft. Smith, Ark.

Minnesota—V. T. Mather, '09, is in the First National Bank, Elk River, Minn.

Colorado—John W. Brown, '08, is a successful mine operator at Victor, Colo.

Nebraska—Charles Stuart, '06, is in the real estate business at Lincoln, Neb.

Westminster—Jno. J. Rice, Jr., '06, has entered Louisville Theological Seminary.

Dartmouth—R. L. Wing, '10, is located at 37 South Sixth Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Tulane—Horace E. Crump, '04, is with the American Beet Sugar Co., at Oxnard, Cal.

Gettysburg—Paul B. Dunbar, '04, is in the Bureau of Chemistry at Washington, D. C.

Ohio State—Walter C. Johnson, '09, was married November 24, to Miss Ora Belle Scott.

McGill—Stanley J. Crocker, '06, is with the Canada Iron Corporation at Midland, Ont.

Columbia—Herman S. Riederer, '02, is located at 251 North Ninety-fifth Street, New York.

Pennsylvania—Henry J. Klaer, '09, is with the American Steel Foundries, Chester, Pa.

Cornell—Harvey J. Couch, '01, is with Charles H. Couch & Son, bankers, Odessa, N. Y.

Allegheny—John L. Miner, '08, is an instructor in Roberts College, Constantinople, Turkey.

Wisconsin—Wardon A. Curtis, '89, has removed from Ashland, N. H. to New Rochelle, N. Y.

Columbia—William Brooks Lessig, '99, was drowned at Wildwood Crest, N. J., August 20.

Ohio Wesleyan—Dr. Charles B. James, '90, is City and County Physician at Denver, Colo.

Ohio—Samuel C. Price, '91, is editor of the Mt. Clemens *Daily Leader*, Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Georgia Tech.—E. W. Smith, '09, is with the Union Power and Electric Co., St. Louis, Mo.

McGill—Victor E. Dawson, '08, is with the Consolidated M. & S. Co., at Trail B. C., Canada.

Virginia—Everett L. Van Meter, '78, is with Evans-Snider-Buel Co., Union Stock Yards, Chicago.

Kentucky—Perry D. Maxwell, '06, is assistant cashier of the Ardmore National Bank, Ardmore, Okla.

Georgia—George H. Tanner, '75, died October 19 at his home in Atlanta, after four weeks illness.

Dickinson—Steward F. Shiffer, '01, is associated with the Stroudsburg Trust Co., Stroudsburg, Pa.

Washington State—Henry H. Thedinga, '05, is located at 1421 Seventeenth Avenue, Seattle, Wash.

Washington University—James D. Skinner, '05, is located permanently in Kansas City at 3205 Main Street.

Ohio—Heber H. Henke, '08, is a draftsman with the Jeffrey Manufacturing Co., of Columbus, Ohio.

Allegheny—Chauncey F. Bell, '94, is manager of the Model Milling and Elevator Co., at Greeley, Colo.

Dickinson—Dr. Edgar S. Everhart, '03, is practicing medicine at Crabtree, Westmoreland County, Pa.

Colorado—Chas. C. Costello, '09, is secretary of the Mary McKinney Mining Co., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ohio Wesleyan—Frank D. Steger, '08, is general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Martinsburg, W. Va.

Ohio—George G. Thomas, '09, has secured an excellent position with the Vinton Banking Co., Vinton, Ohio.

Ohio—Cyrus D. Higgins, '05, is studying medicine at the Starling-Ohio Medical College, Columbus, Ohio.

Penn. State—William R. Fleming, '06, is with The Andrews Steel Co., 525 Maple Avenue, Newport, Ky.

Iowa Wesleyan—C. E. Stuber, '08, is cashier of the Mt. Hamill State Savings Bank, Mt. Hamill, Iowa.

Dickinson—Robert S. Loose, '01, is at the head of S. A. Loose and Son, plow manufacturers, Hamburg, Pa.

Westminster—Sam K. Black, Jr., '10, is connected with the W. Ed. Jameson Real Estate Co., of Fulton, Mo.

Iowa Wesleyan and Minnesota—John McKinnon, '07 is principal of the Verona high school, Verona, N. Dak.

Colorado—Hal H. Logan, '08 Texas, '07, is chief engineer of the Nile irrigation project at Wiggins, Colo.

Case—John A. Sullivan, '03, is secretary and treasurer of The Ohio Creamery & Supply Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dartmouth—William D. Blatner, '05, is with the Western Roofing & Supply Co., 2355 La Salle Street, Chicago.

Syracuse—Orlo L. Waugh, '00, has removed from Rochester, N. Y., to 150 Warren Avenue, Wauwatosa, Wis.

Georgia Tech.—J. C. Chapman, '09, has accepted a responsible position with the Textile Mills in Sycamore, Ala.

North Carolina—H. R. Weller, '03, is superintendent and chemist with the firm of Garrett & Co., Norfolk, Va.

Ohio—W. H. Norton, '06, is studying medicine in the medical college of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Lehigh—Thomas Coyle, Jr., '09, has removed from South Bethlehem, Pa., to 125 Sixth Street, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Wisconsin—Mark Banta, '04, is special agent of the Phenix Insurance Co., and is located at Madisonville, Ohio.

Vermont—Frank L. Moore, '90, is president and general manager of the Newton Falls Paper Co., Watertown, N. Y.

Purdue—Albert Milton Hopper, '02 was married to Miss Elizabeth Prentiss Walsh, December 20, at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Nebraska—Louis Meyer, '07, is now located in Kansas City, at 718 Dwight building in the engineering business.

Lafayette and Pennsylvania—Ira S. Myers, '98, is an optician with offices at 525 North eighth Avenue, Philadelphia.

Amherst—Wilmot B. Trevoy, '02, is an instructor at Cornwall Heights School at Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York.

Minnesota—Dalton M. Andrews, '09, is assistant sales manager of Brown Bigelow Calendar Company, St. Paul, Minn.

Brown—Edwin A. Cottrell, '05 is professor of history and political science at Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.

Purdue—Ralph Scott Barrett, '98, died October 20, at his home in Indianapolis after ten days illness from typhoid pneumonia.

Colorado—John Haley, '11, played the backstop position with the Denver team of the Western league during the last season.

Kansas—Edwin Peters, '12, died at his home in Emporia, Kan., November 3, after a three weeks illness with typhoid fever.

Westminster—William C. Swope, '00, died December 5, at his home in Independence, Mo., after a brief illness with typhoid fever.

Ohio—Charles F. Blake, '91, is professor of operative surgery in the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md.

Dickinson—Walter G. Souders, '98, is manager of the bond department of the Milwaukee Trust Co., with headquarters in Milwaukee.

Washington U.—A. R. Skinker, '05, is with the traffic department of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., 15 Dey Street, New York.

Ohio—Manning G. Coultrap, '06, is traveling agent for the Geiger-Jones Co., Canton, Ohio, dealers in bonds and industrial securities.

Ohio State—Frank C. Huling, '03, was married December 29, to Miss Hester Vercoe at St. Paul Episcopal Church, Columbus Ohio.

Pennsylvania—Harold B. Beitler, '03, is practicing law in Philadelphia with offices in the West End Trust Building, 32 South Broad Street.

Washington and Jefferson—William Wallace, D. D., '82, is connected with the Collegio Seminario Presbiteriano at Coyocan, D. F. Mexico.

Dartmouth and California—Charles Adams Fassett, '07, is a bond salesman in Indiana and Iowa for the Chicago Savings Bank and Trust Co.

Missouri—Robert W. Brown, '98, is secretary-treasurer of the American Galloway Breeders Association with offices at 17 Exchange Avenue, Chicago.

Georgia Tech—Frank Davies, '07, was married November 25, to Miss Thankful Johnson, of Chattanooga. Brother Teddy Raht, '07 was best man.

Syracuse—Frank M. Simpson, '09, is with the Monitor Stove and Range Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. His address is 470 Considine Avenue, Price Hill.

Ohio State—Hubert H. Ward, '90, has recovered from an illness of several weeks duration. He was compelled to undergo an operation for mastoiditis.

Mississippi—Robert N. Somerville, '07, formerly private secretary to congressman Humphrey, has opened a law office at Leland, Washington County, Miss.

Kansas—Wilford Kepner, '05, was married to Miss Gladys Thurman. December 11, at Joplin, Mo. Brother Kepner is engaged in the mining business at Joplin.

Ohio Wesleyan—Ralph H. Allison, '03, has resigned as superintendent of schools at Richwood, Ohio and has accepted a similar position at Chicago Junction, Ohio.

Amherst—F. E. Wood (misprinted Wool in year book) now lives at 2510 College Avenue, Berkeley, Cal. His business office is in the Union Trust Building, San Francisco.

Washington and Jefferson—James G. Wallace, '83, former president of Zeta Province, is with the Wallace-Ballard Lumber Co., 609 Lumber Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dickinson—Hammond Urner, '90, Frederick, Md., was elected judge of the sixth judicial circuit of Maryland, over former judge Glenn H. Worthington, by a big majority.

Washington and Jefferson—Rev. Andrew J. Montgomery, '87, has accepted a call to a Presbyterian Church in Oak Park, Ill., his address being 422 South Euclid Avenue.

Illinois—C. R. Parkins, '09, is assistant city ticket agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, at St. Paul, Minn., with his residence at 601 Carroll Avenue.

North Carolina—Henry B. Best, '07, is practicing medicine in Wilson, N. C. Dr. Paul Lane, '08, is one of the physicians connected with the Wilmington, N. C., hospital.

Dickinson—Lieutenant William A. Ganoe, '02, and Miss Honora Russel were married in Curwensville, Pa., June 6. Lieutenant Ganoe is stationed at Ft. McPherson, Ga.

Kansas—Frank Lostutter, '10, of Emporia, Kan., was married November 20, 1909, to Miss Florine Wilhite. Brother Lostutter is engaged in the clothing business in Emporia.

Cornell—Harry Snyder, '89, former instructor in chemistry in the Minnesota state agricultural school, is now chief chemist for the Russell-Miller Milling Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Monmouth and Vermont—John M. Glenn, *Monmouth*, '83, is president and Carroll W. Doten, *Vermont*, '95, is secretary of the American Statistical Association, founded in 1839.

Purdue—John L. Connors, '05, has removed from Chicago to Columbus, Ohio, having his office at 810 New First National Bank Building. He is still with the Ralston Steel Car Co.

Vanderbilt—Rev. Hoyt M. Dobbs, '03, has recently moved to Kansas City to assume the pastorate of the Central Methodist Church, one of the largest Methodist churches in the west.

Mississippi and Roanoke—James G. Leavell, '92, is with the J. L. Leavell Co., manufacturing agents and merchandise brokers with offices in First National Bank Building, Houston, Texas.

California—Edwin Groome Heacock, '75, died September 16, at his home in Oakland, Cal. Brother Heacock had been for many years chief book-keeper of the State Fish and Game Commission.

North Carolina—F. Marshall Weller, '06, has joined the firm of Stanbrough & Grant, consulting electrical and mechanical engineers, their offices being located at 302 Law Building, Norfolk, Va.

Minnesota—Marcellus C. Sheild, '09, assistant clerk of committee on appropriations, House of Representatives, accompanied that committee on its trip to the Panama Canal Zone during November 1909.

Minnesota—The engagement of Miss Leslie Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Mitchell of St. Cloud, Minn., to Otto A. Poirier, '02, is announced. Brother Poirier is a lawyer at Virginia, Minn.

Sewanee—T. Channing Moore, '88, is a member of the firm of

Moore & Pizzini, New York sales agents of the International Time Recording Co., with offices at 31-33 East Twenty-seventh Street.

Stanford—Clarkson B. Bradford, '09, is with Alonzo M. Murphy & Co., mortgage loans and bonds, Exchange Building, Spokane, Wash. Brother Bradford's address is Alexandria Hotel, Spokane, Wash.

Washington and Lee—Judge Lyman Chalkley, '89, dean of the law department of the University of the South, has been elected chairman of the Tennessee committee on legal education and admission to the bar.

Pennsylvania—Shunzo Takaki, '08, has recently returned from Japan, bringing with him his bride, reputed to be the wealthiest woman in Japan. Brother Takaki is with the banking firm of Mitsui & Co., New York.

Allegheny—Three more Phis joined the Allegheny delegation of student ministers in the theological school of Boston University this year. They are Wilson G. Cole, '09, Harry M. Fishel, '09, and William L. Stidger, '10.

Michigan—Ralph C. Lane, '03, has charge of the Indiana business of Scott, Foresman & Co., Educational publishers, 378 Wabash Avenue, Chicago. He is located in the Weaver apartments, North Delaware Street, Indianapolis.

North Carolina—Kinchen Carl Moore, '06, *Michigan*, '09, was married October 20, 1909, to Miss Leila Foster Privett, of Goldsboro, N. C. He is now a practicing physician, being connected with the Wilson Sanitarium at Wilson, N. C.

Vanderbilt—Paul DeWitt, '05, was married November 18, to Miss Jennie Harrison Peebles at Nashville, Tenn. Brother DeWitt is a successful physician at Nashville and is a brother of Brother John H. DeWitt, *Vanderbilt*, '94.

Williams—Ira Winthrop Travell, '90, who was principal of the high school at Plainfield, N. J., for a number of years, has recently removed to Morristown, N. J., where he has taken the position of superintendent of schools.

Minnesota—Helmus W. Thompson, '88, has been appointed by Governor Benson of Oregon, County Judge of Lane County, (Eugene). Brother Thompson is president of the Eugene Commercial Club and of the Lincoln Republican Club.

Richmond—Harry L. Watson, formerly president of Beta Province, has returned to Richmond from Atlanta. He is district manager for Virginia and the Carolinas for The Martindale Mercantile Agency and has offices at 611 American Bank Building.

Minnesota—Frederic J. Blanchett, '09, is with the First National Bank, Staples, Minn., and Geo. R. Little, '09, is with the law firm of Brown, Abbott and Somsen, Winona, Minn. The senior member of the firm is Brother L. L. Brown, *Wisconsin*, '84.

Indiana and Wabash—Henry D. Wilson, 54, one of the oldest members of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ died December 14 at the home of his daughter in Evanston, Ill. Brother Wilson was eighty years old and had formerly been for many years judge of the Elkhart, (Ind.) circuit court.

Pennsylvania—George Post Wheeler, Princeton, '94, has been appointed by President Taft as secretary of the embassy at St. Petersburg. He formerly filled such a position at Tokyo. He is the author of several books, as is also his wife, Mrs. Hallie Erminie Rives Wheeler.

Minnesota—The engagement of Miss Emily Clough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clough of Chico, Cal., to E. M. McKusick, '98, was announced during the fall. Brother McKusick is now assistant division engineer of the Western Pacific Railroad at Oroville, Cal.

Emory—Claude N. Bennett, '88, delivered a lecture on the Panama Canal before the Southern Commercial Congress at the New Willard, Washington, D. C., December 2. This is a very interesting lecture on a subject of absorbing interest and Brother Bennett has engagements in various parts of the country.

Cornell—Stanford Williams French, '04, was married October 27, to Miss Agnes Elizabeth Orrison of Ashburn, Loudon County, Va. The ceremony was performed by Brother J. Henning Nelms, *Richmond*, '80, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Washington, D. C. Brother French is a practicing physician in Washington.

Kansas—Brock Pemberton, '08, of Emporia, Kan., has moved to Eldorado, Kan., to take charge of the newspaper of which his uncle, the late Bent Murdock, was editor. The paper is one of the most famous in Kansas, having become so through the editorials of Mr. Murdock, who was one of Kansas' favorite sons for over fifty years.

Columbia—F. Augustus Heinze, '89, returned to Butte, Mont., November 7, after an absence of two years. At the station he was met by 1,500 persons gathered with the Boston and Montana Mine Band. The carriage in which he rode was drawn by a score of admirers and the city was illuminated in his honor. In the absence of the mayor, County Attorney Walker welcomed Brother Heinze, who spoke from the balcony of the Butte Hotel to 4,000 people who frequently interrupted him with cheers.

Dartmouth—Walter G. Kennedy, '97, a familiar figure at recent national conventions, is the prime mover in the United States Timber Company of Cleveland, Ohio, engaged in the cultivation of eucalyptus trees for commercial purposes to meet the threatening hardwood famine of this country. This particular enterprise is composed almost entirely of Phi Deltis and is in fact restricted to members and their intimate friends. During the past two years he has made a close study of this fast growing hardwood and upon recommendations offered by Dr. G. W. Shaw, '87, a charter member of the Dartmouth chapter, and the leading soil expert of the Pacific coast, he has interested a few friends and has purchased about one thousand acres of the best adapted lands in California. He is now actively engaged in planting and scientifically growing eucalyptus under the direction of the state forester.

HELLENIC.

Items of news suitable for this department should be sent direct to the Assistant Editor, instead of being included in chapter letters.

$\Omega\,\Gamma\,\Phi$ (medical) has entered Minneapolis College of Physicians.

Failing to secure faculty recognition, $\Sigma\,\Phi\,\Xi$ has disbanded at Allegheny.

$\Sigma\,N$, $\Sigma\,X$ and the $K\,K\,\Gamma$ sorority are now established at the University of Montana.

Δ T Δ has entered Cincinnati and rented a house there. Σ A E also has rented a house there.

B Θ II has built a three-story chapter house at the University of Oklahoma.—Φ K Ψ *Shield*.

At Hanover B Θ II has bought and about half paid for a brick house of 13 rooms on a three-acre lot.

One of our esteemed contemporaries has room for pages of SCROLL stuff but not for a line of credit.

At Central Δ K E has rented a house for several years and B Θ II and Σ A E rent houses this year.

The parent chapter of Φ K Ψ has erected a memorial fountain on the campus of Washington and Jefferson College.

K Σ and Θ Δ X have rented houses, making eight fraternities now in houses.—Brown correspondence, Δ T Δ *Rainbow*.

Δ X (legal) has entered Nebraska. The charters of its Northwestern and Washington University chapters have been surrendered.

Alumni of the Kenyon chapter of Θ Δ X, established in 1854 and suspended in 1896, clamor through the *Shield* for its re-establishment.

It is reported that local societies at Beloit are petitioning Φ Δ Θ and Φ Γ Δ, and also that a chapter of Φ B K is soon to be established there.—Φ K Ψ *Shield*.

The University of Oregon has a yearly income of \$150,000, and 1000 students, as compared with 600 two years ago. The fraternities are Σ N, K Σ and B Θ II; the sororities, Γ Φ B, X Ω and K A Θ.

The A Σ A sorority has placed its first Northern chapter at Mount Union College, Ohio. The A O II sorority has entered Northwestern. The Δ Δ Δ sorority has entered the University of Washington.

The 1909 convention of the Γ Φ B sorority met at Berkley, Cal. This was we believe the first convention of a sorority to meet on the Pacific coast. No convention of a fraternity has yet met west of Denver.

A new southern fraternity is Π K Φ. It originated at the college of Charleston, S. C. in 1904. A Beta chapter was established at the Presbyterian College of South Carolina in 1906 and a Gamma chapter at the University of California in 1908. Its badge looks much like that of Δ K E.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The Σ X *Quarterly* says of the new ritual of Σ X that "the fraternity comes into possession of a document pregnant with possibilities for future good. Practically all of the important features of the old ritual have been retained, but they have been worked into a much larger structure and given a setting which add much to their beauty and value."

The K Σ *Caduceus* has an article of eight pages about Bologna and its university. It has a frontispiece illustrating "Founder W. G. McCormick at the University of Bologna, April 29, 1909," and nineteen other pictures of the city and university, but not a word is vouchsafed to explain how K Σ was connected with any order which may have existed at Bologna hundreds of years ago, how it was transplanted to Virginia 40 years ago, and who imported it.

The Σ N *Delta* announces the revival of its parent chapter at Virginia Military Institute, which adjoins Washington and Lee University at Lexington. Southern K A, Σ A E and Σ Φ E also have chapters at

V. M. I., though the existence of fraternities there is absolutely prohibited and they are strictly *sub rosa*. We are informed, however, that some of the faculty probably connive at them. $\Phi K \Sigma$ has initiated several V. M. I. cadets through its W. & L. chapter.

ΣX has entered the University of Pittsburgh. The only other general fraternity there is $\Sigma \Phi E$. There are two locals applying for charters of national fraternities. There are also several medical, dental and pharmaceutical fraternities. The ΣX *Quarterly* says that the enrollment is 372 in the college and engineering schools and 871 in the professional school, and that two buildings for the college and engineering school have been completed on the new site in the East End of Pittsburgh.

The George Banta Publishing Company, of Menasha, Wis., now publishes the following fraternity magazines: *THE SCROLL* and *The Palladium* of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, *The Delta* of ΣN and *The Bent* of $T B \Pi$ (honorary, scientific). It publishes the following sorority magazines: *The Trident*, *The Triton* (secret) and *The Trireme* (secret) of $A \Delta A$, *The Anchora* of $\Delta \Gamma$, *The Arrow* of $H B \Phi$, *To Drama* of $A O \Pi$, and *The Kappa Alpha Theta*. The same company also publishes a large number of college annuals.

Several fraternities are established in Case School of Applied Science and several in Western Reserve University, while $B \Theta \Pi$ and ΣN each have chapters in both of these institutions, which have adjoining sites at Cleveland, Ohio. ΣX has recently chartered a chapter to be organized in both of these institutions. This action in granting one charter for a chapter in two institutions was an entirely unprecedented thing in the history of fraternities. Other fraternities will certainly watch this experiment with much interest.

Acacia is the name of a fraternity composed of free masons. It seems at some places freely to offer membership to members of the fraternities and at other places to exclude them. Its chapter roll is quite formidable and although only founded in 1904 it is now at the following institutions: Michigan, Stanford, Kansas, Nebraska, California, Ohio State, Harvard, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Cornell, Purdue, Chicago, Yale, Columbia, Iowa, Iowa State and Pennsylvania State.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

ΣT is the name of a literary fraternity which has chapters in several southern universities. A chapter of it was established recently at Mississippi, where it has the local name of the "Scribblers' Club." Its object is to stimulate interest in literary work, and at the same time give its members the benefit of a fraternal organization. $I T \Sigma$, a fraternity for students in schools of osteopathy, was founded in 1902 and now has four chapters. It seems that there are now fraternities for all sorts of students. A gymnastic fraternity, called $\Gamma \Phi$, was founded at Ohio State in 1902 and now has a chapter at Ohio Wesleyan. It gives special attention to gymnastics and athletic activities.

The *Beta Theta Pi* says that at the 1909 convention of $B \Theta \Pi$ every chapter but one—"all save Virginia, poor misguided Virginia!"—voted in favor of granting a charter to the applicants at the University of Oregon. The editor says "Oregon is a great state; it will be greater;" and 'the fraternity could not miss the opportunity offered of entering upon this new field;' and he predicts "a brilliant future for the chapter." Applications from the Universities of South Dakota and Utah were

rejected. The editor says that in voting on applications for charters undergraduates "are moved by considerations which have little weight with more mature minds." It is announced that "Both South Dakota and Utah will petition again; the example of perseverance, and final triumph, put up by the Colorado School of Mines in 1908 is an ever appealing encouragement to defeated petitioners." The editor heartily agrees with the board of trustees in indorsing the two unsuccessful applications.

The K Σ *Caduceus* compliments its contemporaries by making extended quotations from them the leading feature of its November issue, an example which might well be followed by all fraternity journals once a year. Often we feel that it is a great pity that members of Φ Δ Θ cannot have the benefit of interesting, informing and suggestive articles which we read in exchanges but, for lack of space, cannot republish in THE SCROLL. The only thing we can do is to urge each chapter to subscribe to the journals of rival fraternities, also to the *American College* elsewhere advertised in this issue of THE SCROLL. This issue of the *Caduceus* is called "The Other Fellows Number" and is prefaced with an editorial note which says: "That Kappa Sigmas in general, both active and alumni, may gain some definite idea of what other fraternities—the Other Fellows—are thinking and planning and doing, this number of the *Caduceus* has been especially planned. As has been said elsewhere in this number, the wise man, if he finds the Other Fellow doing a wise thing, will not only plan to do the same thing, but will also strive to do it a little bit better when he takes the idea to himself."

SIGMA CHI'S CONSTITUTIONAL STATUTES.

"The Sigma Chi Fraternity Manual and Directory" was reviewed in THE SCROLL for November. It is certainly startling to find the constitution of Σ X, its constitutional statutes and by-laws published in full in this book, copies of which were sent to other fraternity journals, or at least a copy of which was kindly sent to us by the grand historian. Time was when such documents were guarded with greatest care from profane eyes. We wonder if the quondam secret societies are to become non-secret, as Δ T claims to be. The preamble of the constitution is as follows:

We, the members of the Sigma Chi fraternity, believing that many advantages are to be derived from a secret brotherhood of collegiates, appreciating that close communion of kindred hearts adds many incentives to honorable action, and seeking the development of the higher qualities of the mind and nobler feelings of the heart, do ordain and establish this constitution for the government of our order.

It appears that the ritual of Σ X embodies all that it considers secret. The constitution provides that "The oath of secrecy shall not apply to the constitution of the fraternity;" also that "All statutes shall be designated in the titles thereof as either constitutional or ritualistic, all constitutional statutes being public, and all ritualistic statutes being secret;" furthermore, that "All secret enactments and provisions shall be such as are contained in the ritual of the fraternity," one copy of which is furnished to each chapter, no member being permitted to make another copy.

The grand chapter of Σ X is really its national convention, while the grand council is a legislative body which acts when the grand chapter is not in session. The grand council consists of the grand consul (presi-

dent), grand quaestor (treasurer), grand annotator (recording secretary and archivist), grand tribune (corresponding secretary and statistician), grand editor, grand historian, ten grand praetors (province presidents) and five grand trustees.

In addition there is an executive committee, composed of five members of the grand council, including the grand annotator but not the grand tribune or editor. They "shall meet regularly at intervals, not exceeding two weeks, to consult with the grand tribune, and to consider measures for the advancement of the fraternity in which meetings any and all other members of the grand council shall participate when possible, without the power of vote." Furthermore: "They shall have executive control over the fraternity and its officers, subject to the grand council." Also: "They shall have supreme judicial jurisdiction over all cases arising under the constitution or statutes of the fraternity." They shall also act as the legal directors of the grand council, which is a body corporate under the laws of Illinois.

Ever since Σ X adopted its present constitution, and ever since we have been reading the *Quarterly*, all, or practically all, of the general officers have been residents of Chicago or vicinity, and Chicago has been the headquarters of the fraternity. The directory in the last *Quarterly* shows that all but one of the general officers and all the members of the executive committee live in Chicago. It appears to be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for any one outside of that city to climb into the Σ X band wagon.

The board of trustees shall be composed of five grand trustees, who shall be "alumni of mature age and business experience," and they "shall have entire direction and control over the endowment fund, subject to the grand council."

The endowment fund was created in 1901 for the purpose of making loans to chapters to enable them to build houses. About \$12,000 was raised by contributions from alumni. The fund is constantly increased in part from two-fifths of the \$5 initiation fees and in part from half the proceeds from two \$5 notes which each member is required to give, payable after leaving college. At the grand chapter last July the grand quaestor's report showed that the accumulated interest on the fund amounted to \$1649.03.

The grand consul may "veto any act of the grand council providing for the collection or expenditure of moneys." Such an act, if not signed by him within ten days, shall nevertheless take effect. His veto may be overcome by a three-fourths vote of the grand council.

The grand proctor for each province is chosen at the grand chapter by the delegates from the active chapters in that province.

Delegates of active chapters, "if not active or alumni members of the chapter they represent, shall be residents of the province, in which such chapter is located;" while "no alumni chapter shall be entitled to representation in any grand chapter, unless it shall have held a meeting within two years previous thereto, and reported the proceedings thereof to the grand editor, for publication in the Σ X *Quarterly*."

Charters for active chapters may be "granted by the vote of at least four-fifths of the members of the grand chapter, including delegates from alumni chapters;" and, between grand chapters by the vote of three-fourths of the members of the grand council and of three-fourths of the active chapters; but, "unless a chapter shall forward its vote within

forty days from the submission of the petition, it shall be counted as casting an affirmative vote."

The following sections are quoted from the article relating to membership:

Active chapters shall be composed of white, male students in the respective colleges in which chapters of this fraternity have been established, and resident alumni re-elected to active membership by the chapter. Such students shall be of good moral character, maintaining an honorable standing in scholarship.

No member of this fraternity shall be eligible to membership in any other fraternity of the same general character.

No person shall be eligible to membership in the Sigma Chi fraternity who is, or has been, a member of any other college fraternity of like character, except it be established that his connection with such fraternity has been honorably severed.

No member of the Sigma Chi fraternity shall have the power to sever his connection therewith by resignation or otherwise; but if he proves himself an unworthy brother, any chapter of which he may be, or may have been, a member shall, by a three-fourths vote of its active members, have power to expel him and dispossess him of his badge and other fraternity property in his possession; *provided*, that the grand praetor of the province in which such expulsion is proposed shall be called in and preside at the trial and report the results of the same to the grand triumvirs. In case of failure on the part of such chapter to take such action, the grand triumvirs, by a unanimous vote, may expel such member, with the right of appeal to the grand council.

Members of the fraternity may have their membership transferred to any active chapter upon such condition and in such manner as may be prescribed by the by-laws of the chapter to which the member may be transferred.

No brother may give or lend a badge of this fraternity to any gentleman not a duly initiated member of the fraternity.

The grand praetors shall "conduct, or cause to be conducted, annual oral examinations in each chapter in their respective provinces on the ritual, constitution, statutes, by-laws and history."

The article of the constitution which provides for the endowment fund for building chapter houses contains the following sections:

Any person becoming a member of this fraternity after September 1, 1907, shall, at the time of his initiation, sign and deliver to his chapter quaestor his two notes for \$5 each, payable the first and second Januaries respectively next succeeding his severance from his chapter by graduation or otherwise. Such notes shall be forwarded at once by the chapter quaestor to the grand quaestor.

Such notes shall be without interest, shall bear the future address of the member making them, and shall entitle him upon payment thereof, to all regular publications for one year subsequent to the payment of each note. The proceeds of such notes shall be credited at least one-half to endowment and one-half as provided by statute.

All of the foregoing quotations are from the constitution. The sections of the constitution are annotated with discussions of the grand triumvirs, giving official interpretations to the various sections. The date each decision was rendered follows it in parentheses. The following decisions are quoted from those appended to the article relating to membership:

It is contrary to the established custom of Sigma Chi to initiate into active membership students in professional schools located at a distance from the collegiate department of the institution.

The words "white students" are construed to mean "members of the Caucasian race."

Resident alumni re-elected to active membership shall have all the privilege of active members, including that of voting at trials. Other alumni have no vote at trials.

A member who is initiated after a man is pledged has the right to vote against such pledged man and prevent his initiation.

The three-fourths vote necessary to expel is exclusive of the accused brother's own vote.

The expulsion of an alumnus by his active chapter for non-payment of dues is in keeping with the letter and spirit of the constitution.

The three-fourths vote required for expulsion by this section means an affirmative vote to expel by three-fourths of all the active members of the chapter, even though all such active members may not be present at the trial.

The taking of a vote on the question of expulsion is the vital part of a trial under this section, and no such vote or sentence of expulsion has any force or effect unless taken or rendered with the grand praetor of the province personally present and presiding. Such a vote, whether in the affirmative or negative, taken at a formal trial with the grand praetor presiding, cannot be reversed at a subsequent meeting when the grand praetor is not present, upon a motion to reconsider or otherwise.

In the absence of by-laws, a member of one chapter may become an active member of another chapter by unanimous vote of such latter chapter and signing of its roll.

The constitution is followed by constitutional statutes, the first of which are:

Every active member of this fraternity, except resident alumni re-elected to active membership, shall pay to the grand quaestor the sum of \$2.50 on the 15th day of October and on the 15th day of February of each year, which said payments shall be used exclusively for the following purposes: (1) general expenses; (2) expenses of the *Quarterly*; and (3) railway expenses of delegates to grand chapters.

All receipts under this section shall be apportioned among the above-named funds as follows: to general expenses, 50 per cent; to expenses of *Quarterly*, 30 per cent; to railway expenses of delegates to grand chapters, 20 per cent.

Any person becoming a member of this fraternity shall pay to the grand quaestor the sum of \$5. Two dollars of this amount shall be turned into the endowment fund, \$2 into a fund for chapter visitation and aid, and \$1 into a directory fund. Each initiate whose fee is paid after the publication of the first edition of the manual and directory subsequent to the passage of this statute, shall receive a copy thereof until the edition is exhausted.

The grand quaestor, the grand annotator, the grand tribune and the grand editor are salaried officers, also each of the members of the executive committee unless he occupies one of the salaried positions.

The amount of money paid to any delegate, to reimburse him for railroad fare in going to and returning from the convention is limited to \$100.

The *Quarterly* receives, not only 30 per cent of the annual dues, \$5, or \$1.50, but also one-half the proceeds of the two notes, each for \$5, given by each member on initiation, the remaining half going to the endowment fund. The following sections are quoted from the statute relating to the endowment fund:

Loans made from the endowment fund of the fraternity for the purpose of assisting active chapters in efforts toward the ownership of a chapter house or lodge shall be loaned as authorized by the grand trustees, and approved by the grand council, and upon security unanimously approved by the grand triumvirs and the president of the grand trustees.

In no case shall loans from this fund be made to any chapter unless said chapter shall possess the sum of \$1000 in cash or its equivalent, as a basis for its chapter house or lodge project, and in no case shall loans of this fund be made at a less rate than 4 per cent per annum.

Not more than the sum of \$2000 shall be loaned from the said fund to any one chapter during any one year.

The income from the endowment fund shall constitute a separate fund which shall be subject to the control and disposition of the grand trustee for fraternity purposes.

The grand triumvirs shall have jurisdiction over special cases or equities pertaining to alumni note payments, with power to regulate the same.

The following paragraphs also are from the constitutional statutes:

Every future initiate, after complying with the constitution and statutes pertaining to membership, shall be enrolled by the grand historian, and shall receive a certificate of membership from the grand quaestor.

Prior to the taking of a vote upon any petition for a charter for an active chapter, the petitioners thereof shall pay to the grand quaestor the sum of \$25 as a charter fee, and prior to the taking of a vote upon a petition for a charter for an alumni chapter, the petitioners therefor shall pay to the grand quaestor

the sum of \$10 as a charter fee; *provided*, that such amount shall be returned by the grand quaestor to the petitioners at once, upon a vote unfavorable to granting the petition, except that revived chapters shall be entitled to the old charter of the chapter free of charge, but shall be charged the usual fee for the issuance of a new charter if ordered by them.

At the grand chapter held last July the following was adopted as a part of the report of the finance committee:

It is our conclusion that an edition of the manual and directory can be financed and published before the meeting of the next grand chapter. We recommend that the general executive committee publish another edition of the manual and directory not later than January 1, 1911, and that \$1 from all initiation fees collected hereafter be appropriated to defray the expense of such publication. If after the publication of this second edition it is the conclusion of the executive committee that the publication can be made every two years, legislation to that end can be passed by the next grand chapter. We further recommend that the next edition of the manual and directory be furnished to all those initiated after its publication until the edition is exhausted. This course will permit the accumulation of a fund before the publication of the directory which will enable the fraternity to supply a copy of subsequent editions to all initiates.

SECRET GREEK MOTTOES PUBLISHED.

In a skit on college fraternities, *Puck* does a daring thing in publishing what purports to be the secret Greek mottoes of A Δ Φ, Ψ Τ, Δ Κ Ε, Β Θ Π, Σ Χ, Σ Α Ε and Δ Τ Δ and their English translations. The writer says:

As a matter of fact, in any college town, you can learn the motto of any society from any bell-boy who knows Greek, which not all of them do. So we wrote to some of the society members and asked them to elucidate and interpret their mottoes, apprising them that we knew what those mottoes were. Our translation is sometimes more exact than that of the societies, which dress up nouns with supplied verbs.

Somewhat to our surprise the whole skit is republished by the *Record* of Σ Α Ε, one of the fraternities to which *Puck* thus attracts attention. It is republished also by the K Σ *Caduceus*, and of course it is "pie" for the non-secret Δ Τ *Quarterly*. However, we do not consider it any of our business to give these mottoes wider circulation. After X Ψ, instead of a motto and translation, are two dashes, with the explanation:

Our motto is the most secret of all. We had a rule that it should never be written, and then went one better, and forbade that it be spoken; so since the Rev. James Davidson, Union, '59, died, no one in the society has known what the motto is.

The following, which appears under Ψ Τ, is evidently a hit at Mr. Albert P. Jacobs, historian of that fraternity, and author of "The Psi Upsilon Epitome":

Your inquiry addressed to our Cornell chapter has been referred to me as one of the greatest authorities on fraternities. I want to say that Schurman's charge that frats discourage learning is false. Take history, for instance. Every man in my chapter owns my history of the frat, and few there are who can not tell you how many of our boys won the high jump at Brown, how many the prize debate at Columbia, and how many played football at Dorchester. We drove the T men out of Dorchester. Whenever a society dies or quits at a college where we are, we drove it out. If this seems to be because its house burned down, we didn't set fire to the house. But if we hadn't been in that college, they would have built a new house. Or perhaps the Dekes cut the hose. Every one of the six Presbyterian ministers who founded our order is still alive, while all but two of the fifteen men who founded the Dekes eleven years later are dead. This, as you can read in my history, conclusively proves the moral and physical superiority of our order over a presumptuous rival.

"The T men" is a nickname for members of Δ Ψ, whose badge is T shaped. It is plain that "Dorchester" means the University of Rochester, where Δ Ψ died out in 1895.

SORORITY MANUALS.

The Sorority Handbook. By Ida Shaw Martin, A.B. Third Edition. Roxbury, Mass.: The Roxburgh Press. 1909. Paper, pp. 168, 5½ by 7 inches. Illustrated. \$1. prepaid. Order from the publishers.

The two previous editions of this book have been reviewed in THE SCROLL. Not counting a supplement of 12 pages issued in 1908, the present edition is the third within two years and a half. It is very remarkable that such frequent editions are called for. All three editions have been published since the last (1905) edition of "Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities," was issued. It is hard to account for the fact that a new sorority handbook is needed so much oftener than a new fraternity manual.

The latest edition contains much information about the sororities and gives the important facts about each. It has been very carefully prepared and it is a very convenient book of reference. It even finds a place for a list of the active chapters of each of the general fraternities for men, and it contains a handsome half-tone page displaying the badges of the fraternities, as well as a similar plate showing the badges of the sororities. A valuable feature of the book is statistical data about the 72 co-educational colleges in which sororities are established, 4 co-ordinate colleges, 6 affiliated colleges and 12 women's colleges. In examining the book one cannot but wonder at the great increase in the number of sororities. There are now 26 literary, 2 musical and 3 medical sororities.

The Manual of Chi Omega. Compiled by Georgia M. Shattuck, Nu, A.B., '04, Wisconsin. Completed and edited by Mattie Craighill Nicholas (Mrs. H. T. Nicholas), Sigma, A.B., '03, Randolph-Macon; A.M., '07, Columbia. Washington, D. C.: George E. Howard. 1909. Cloth, pp. 193, 5' x 7½ inches. Illustrated. \$1.50, postpaid. Order from Elizabeth Risser, Fayetteville, Ark.

THE SCROLL for December, 1908, contained a review of a history of ΔΔΔ, published in 1907, nineteen years after that sorority was founded. No other fraternity or sorority had published a history while it was yet so young. Now we have a history of another sorority, XΩ, which was founded in 1895, and the book was published in 1909, only fourteen years after its organization.

XΩ is a remarkable organization for one not yet fifteen years old. It was founded at the University of Arkansas, and it now has 24 college chapters and 14 alumnae associations. Its magazine, the *Eulysis*, was established in 1899, its secret journal, the *Mystagogue*, in 1905. This manual contains an account of the founding of the sorority, a sketch of each chapter, and a record of each biennial convention.

An interesting chapter relates to the sorority's insignia and customs. The letters XΩ were suggested by a fancied resemblance to a skull and cross bones. These are an official ring, a coat-of-arms, a seal, a flag, banner, and a laurel wreath, to which last the ritual gives special meaning. The sorority's colors are cardinal and straw. Its flower is the same as that of ΦΔΘ, the white carnation. It has both a yell and a whistle. Its patron goddess is Demeter. Founders' day is celebrated on the anniversary of the society April 5. XΩ has semi-annual festivals, called Eleusinias, in recognition of the spring and autumn Eleusinian festivals, the second occurring six months later, on October 5. In XΩ the figure 5 is a mystic number. In fact the sorority, though still very young, seems well stocked up with traditions and ceremonies.

There are a pledge ceremony and a pledge pin. The initiation ceremony includes some features adopted from the Eleusinian mysteries. There is a ceremony for the installation of officers. There is also a

burial service, and on founders' day it is performed as a memorial to deceased sisters, and the grave of any deceased member which can be reached is decorated with a floral tribute by the nearest chapter.

Membership certificates are issued to initiates. Every year copies of an examination paper are sent to each chapter, and every active member must stand an examination on X Ω history, secret work and matters of general sorority interest. A prize loving cup is contested for every year and won and kept for a year by the chapter making the highest average for the year, estimated on the following basis—20 per cent each: 1. University scholarship. 2. X Ω examination grades. 3. Promptness in sending letters and articles to the *Eleusis*. 4. Promptness in paying national dues. 5. Promptness in answering communications of the S. G. C. Each year the name of the successful chapter is inscribed on the cup.

The book is handsomely printed, quite handsomely illustrated, but not so well bound. About half of it constitutes the manual proper, the latter half being a catalogue of the members.

COLLEGIATE.

Items of news more suitable for this department than for chapter letters should be sent direct to the Assistant Editor.

Idaho has been added to the list of institutions on the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Oxford University after a thousand years' existence as an institution for men alone, will admit women hereafter. The same conditions will be required of women as of men, and they will be allowed to compete for the Rhodes scholarship.—Σ X Quarterly.

The University of Washington has inherited from the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition six large brick buildings, a mammoth log structure which was used for the forestry exhibit, besides several smaller buildings which are to be used for the Y. M. C. A., Men's Club, crew quarters, etc.

John Stewart Kennedy, one of America's little known rich men, who died recently in New York, left bequests of more than \$25,000,000 to religious, charitable and educational institutions, the largest contribution of the kind ever made. The following institutions in which Φ Δ Θ has chapters received the amounts stated: Columbia, \$2,250,000; Dartmouth, \$100,000; Amherst, \$100,000; Williams, \$100,000; Lafayette, \$50,000; Central, \$25,000. Other institutions remembered were: Robert College, Constantinople, \$1,500,000; Yale, \$100,000; Bowdoin, \$100,000; Hamilton, \$100,000; Lake Forest, \$25,000.

Columbia now has a course in forestry. It extends over four years and is on an equality with other engineering courses. Graduates will receive the degree of forest engineer. A portion of Interstate Park on the west bank of the Hudson will be used by forestry students for experimental purposes. Minnesota now conducts a correspondence school, and, in connection with the university hospital, a school for nurses. Chicago has inaugurated a three year course to train students for the consular service. Illinois is to have a department of mining engineering, and, urged by the Illinois Press Association, will enlarge its school of journalism. Vermont has established a department of home economics. Alabama has raised its entrance requirements to fourteen Carnegie units. The requirements for Indiana's law school have been increased, a year's collegiate work being now necessary. The medical department of the University of the South has been discontinued.

Lord Strathcona has given \$500,000 and Andrew Carnegie \$100,000

toward the \$2,000,000 that McGill is endeavoring to raise. By bequest of George Crocker, Columbia has received \$1,500,000 for cancer research, and it will erect a building for the purpose. Mrs. Russell Sage has given \$50,000 toward the endowment of the teachers college of Syracuse University. Goldwin Smith has given Cornell \$4,000 for enlarging the reference library in Goldwin Smith Hall. The late Henry Charles Lea willed his library of 15,000 volumes on Spanish history to the University of Pennsylvania. The General Education Board has promised Ohio Wesleyan \$125,000 provided the balance of a \$500,000 endowment fund shall be raised, and a large part has already been secured. The Presbyterian synod has voted \$60,000 for the establishment of a religious and social circle at Illinois. During the last two years the endowment of Washington and Lee has been increased \$1,000,000.

Currier Hall, a new dormitory at Williams, completes the buildings comprising Berkshire Quadrangle. A new gymnasium being built at Dartmouth will virtually be an enclosed athletic field, with baseball diamond, cinder path, etc., such a structure being necessary on account of the lateness of spring in New Hampshire. By the will of the late John Wallace, '65, of New York, Union receives a contingent bequest of \$100,000, to be used in building a new gymnasium. A new mining laboratory is being built at Lehigh. A \$100,000 law building is being erected at Virginia. At Alabama the engineering hall and the geological museum have been completed, Woods Hall has been renovated, and a new academic building is being erected. Indiana is to have a new \$100,000 science building. At Illinois a \$250,000 physics building and a \$150,000 natural history building have been dedicated, also Osborne Hall, a dormitory and home for women students, erected by the Episcopal Church. A \$125,000 agricultural building has been completed at Missouri. At Iowa a \$200,000 law building has been completed and a \$100,000 physics building and engineering sheds are being erected. Wisconsin has a new \$50,000 forestry building, and the dome of the state capitol has been moved and placed on Main Hall of the university at an expense of \$25,000. At Colorado the \$75,000 Guggenheim Law Building has been completed and the \$300,000 Macky Auditorium and Administration Building is being erected. California is to have a \$200,000 chemistry building, and, at the university farm at Davis in the Sacramento Valley, a \$19,000 horticultural laboratory and an \$8,000 veterinary building. Northwestern has been given \$200,000 to be expended in beautifying the campus and in building a new recitation hall.

• STUDENTS ENROLLED IN UNIVERSITIES.

A compilation of statistics showing the number of students attending prominent universities is made annually by Mr. Rudolph Tombo, Jr. From an article by him, published in the New York *Evening Post*, we derive the following information. This year he gives statistics for 28 universities which, he says, are "representative" but "not necessarily the largest nor the leading institutions." In the table which appears below are given the number of students in the fall of 1909 and the number in the fall of 1908. Summer school students are included in the enumeration which is shown on the left side of the table, due allowance being made for those who continued to attend during the fall.

Leaving the summer session out of consideration, the largest gains have been made by Pennsylvania, Cornell, Wisconsin, California, Ohio and Nebraska, the growth in each case being 200 students or over.

Columbia and Michigan have changed places since 1908, Pennsylvania has passed Minnesota, Harvard and Cornell; and Illinois has also outstripped Minnesota, while Wisconsin and California have passed New York University. It should be stated that the decrease in the Minnesota figures is undoubtedly due to the fact that the students registered for the short course in agriculture were included in 1908, but omitted 1909.

Harvard continues to lead in the number of male academic students, being followed by Yale, Princeton, Michigan, Chicago, Wisconsin, Columbia, and Minnesota. Including undergraduate women the order would be Harvard, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California, Chicago, Syracuse, Yale, Columbia, Kansas, and Iowa, each of these institutions enrolling more than 1,000 academic students. At California, Illinois,

ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS IN LEADING UNIVERSITIES IN 1908 AND 1909.

INCLUDING SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS.		EXCLUDING SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS.			
	1909.	1908.			
1. Columbia	6,132	5,675	1. Columbia	4,650	4,540
2. Harvard	5,558	5,342	2. Michigan	4,631	4,637
3. Chicago	5,487	5,114	3. Pennsylvania	4,608	4,223
4. Michigan	5,259	5,188	4. Harvard	4,518	4,336
5. Cornell	5,028	4,700	5. Cornell	4,514	4,246
6. Pennsylvania	4,857	4,555	6. Illinois	4,173	4,052
7. Illinois	4,502	4,400	7. Minnesota	4,030	4,355
8. Minnesota	4,351	4,607	8. Wisconsin	3,495	3,237
9. Wisconsin	4,245	3,876	9. California	3,454	3,199
10. California	4,084	3,751	10. New York Univ.	3,424	3,457
11. New York Univ.	3,843	3,951	11. Yale	3,264	3,448
12. Nebraska	3,402	3,154	12. Syracuse	3,138	3,084
13. Yale	3,276	3,466	13. Northwestern	3,129	2,992
14. Syracuse	3,248	3,204	14. Nebraska	3,121	2,921
15. Northwestern	3,197	3,113	15. Chicago	2,804	2,663
16. Ohio State	3,012	2,700	16. Ohio State	2,644	2,442
17. Missouri	2,589	2,558	17. Missouri	2,226	2,220
18. Texas	2,492	....	18. Iowa	2,024	2,123
19. Iowa	2,246	2,356	19. Kansas	1,922	1,866
20. Indiana	2,231	2,113	20. Texas	1,795	....
21. Kansas	2,144	2,086	21. Stanford	1,604	1,532
22. Tulane	1,882	1,882	22. Indiana	1,417	1,367
23. Stanford	1,620	1,541	23. Princeton	1,398	1,314
24. Princeton	1,398	1,314	24. Tulane	1,156	....
25. Western Reserve ..	1,083	1,016	25. Western Reserve ..	1,083	1,016
26. Washington Univ.	1,003	....	26. Washington Univ.	1,003	....
27. Virginia	767	757	27. Virginia	767	757
28. Johns Hopkins	710	698	28. Johns Hopkins	710	698

Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Northwestern, Tulane, Washington, and Wisconsin, the number of undergraduate women is larger than that of the men.

Cornell continues to maintain its lead in the number of scientific students, Michigan and Illinois being the only other institutions to attract more than 1,000 to their schools of engineering; these are followed by Yale, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California, Wisconsin, Columbia, Minnesota, Missouri, and Nebraska.

New York University still attracts the largest number of law students, being followed by Harvard, Michigan, Minnesota, Yale, Pennsylvania, Columbia, and Texas.

In medicine Northwestern has passed Pennsylvania, these being followed by Illinois, New York University, Tulane, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, Harvard, and Columbia, all of the institutions attracting more than 300 students in law and medicine, respectively.

Columbia, with an enrollment of approximately 1000 graduate stu-

dents, has by far the largest graduate school, being followed by Chicago, Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, California, New York University, Wisconsin, Cornell, and Illinois.

Minnesota leads this year in agriculture, Illinois in architecture, New York University in commerce, Pennsylvania in dentistry, Northwestern in divinity, Minnesota in forestry, Syracuse in music, Columbia in pharmacy, Ohio in veterinary medicine, while Columbia supports by far the largest Teachers College, the attendance this year approximating 1000.

THE PYX.

News of interesting events, occurring after chapter letters have been forwarded, and as late as the 20 or 25 of the month preceding the month of publication, should be forwarded promptly, to appear in this department.

The attention of chapter reporters is called to the instructions printed in Italics under the heading "Chapter Correspondence" in each issue of THE SCROLL. By following these instructions many errors will be avoided and much time will be saved for the editor and the compositor.

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Brother Emerson W. Kelly, president of Beta Province announces that his province will hold a convention sometime during this collegiate year. Date, place and other particulars will be announced later.

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The first convention of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ to be held outside of the United States will be held February 17, 18 and 19, 1910, when Alpha Province meets in convention at Montreal. Quebec Alpha, and Brothers Foster and Doten are making extensive preparations for the convention and besides the business sessions there will be much of a social nature to please the visiting Phis. The Canadian winter sport for which Montreal is famous will then be at its height. Those contemplating attending the convention should notify Brother A. C. Reid, 240 University Street, Montreal, Canada.

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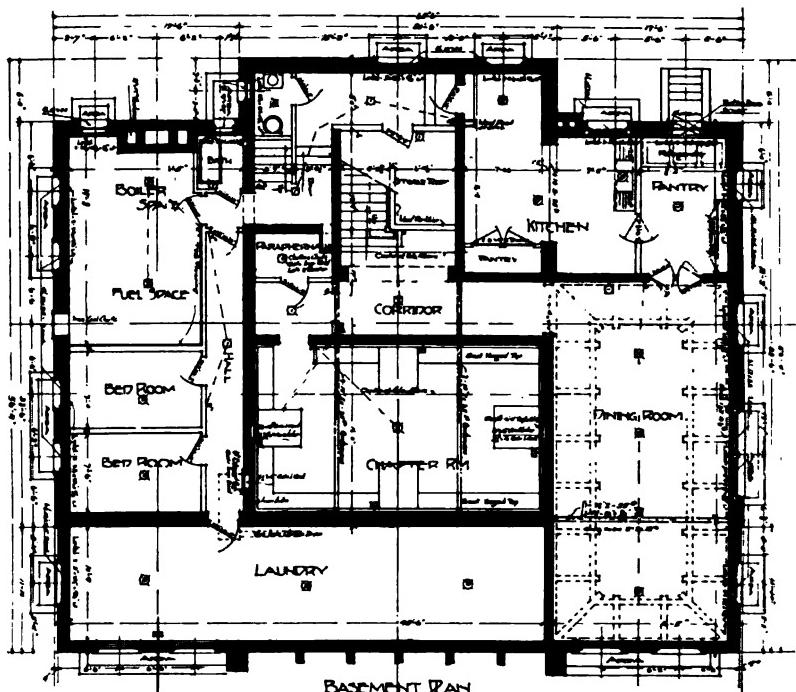
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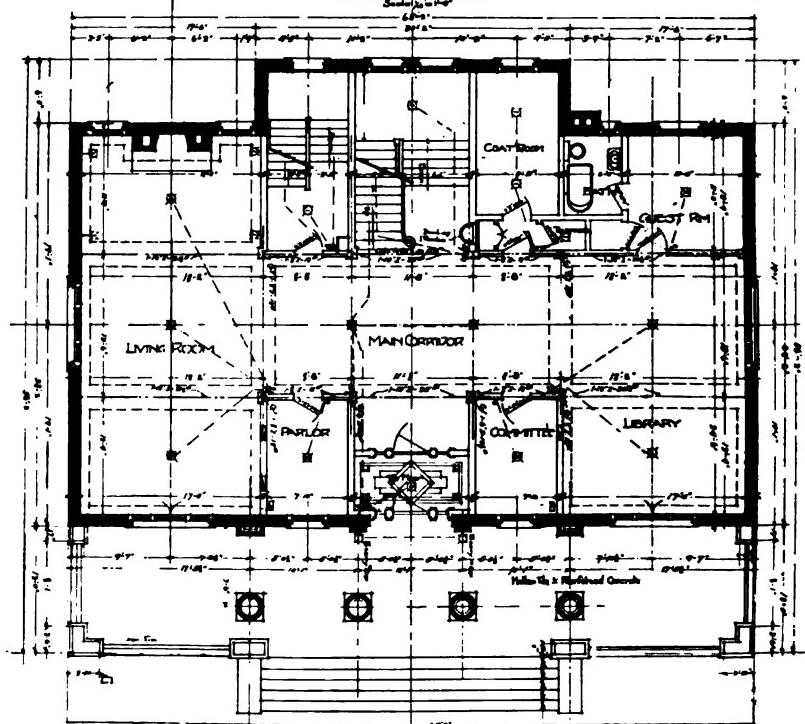
INDIANA THETA'S NEW HOUSE.

About ten years ago the members of Indiana Theta began to think about a permanent home for the chapter and with this in view started a financial scheme which would enable them to secure it. Last year the Indiana Theta Alumni Association found themselves in a position to build and ground was broken for the house on the first of July. Fraternities do not build on the campus here so our lot situated directly opposite the central part of the university grounds has indisputably the best situation at Purdue. It is a corner lot raised several feet from the street and located on the car line. Among other fraternity men it is jokingly said that Purdue University is across from the Phi Delt house. Although we can not use the campus for our yard we have an excellent view of it from all parts of the house. Brother Elmer E. Dunlap, *Illinois*, '97, of Indianapolis, is the architect and to him is due a great deal of the credit for the ideal arrangement of the house. The thought and care with which it was planned are evident the moment you enter and these are appreciated more and more as one becomes accustomed to its conveniences.

The dining room, kitchen and chapter room are in the basement and the basement was built high so that these rooms have plenty of light and air. This arrangement gives more room for the social life of the chapter on the first floor and at the same time permits large rooms in the basement while it prevents all odors of the kitchen from reaching the rest of the house. The dining room is large, easily seating forty people, so that we can have plenty of visitors and not be crowded. This room has a red tile floor and a tile baseboard and is paneled in dark oak and burlap to a heavy plate rail about six feet above the floor; the ceiling is low and is crossed by two large beams which give the room a handsome and dignified appearance. The kitchen is supplied with every modern convenience including a large glass-lined refrigerator in which meat can be hung. The chapter



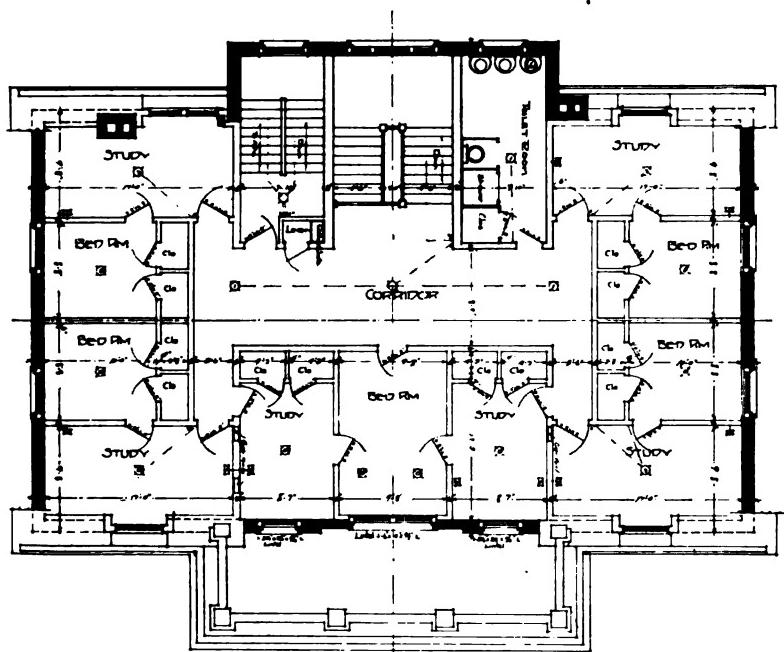
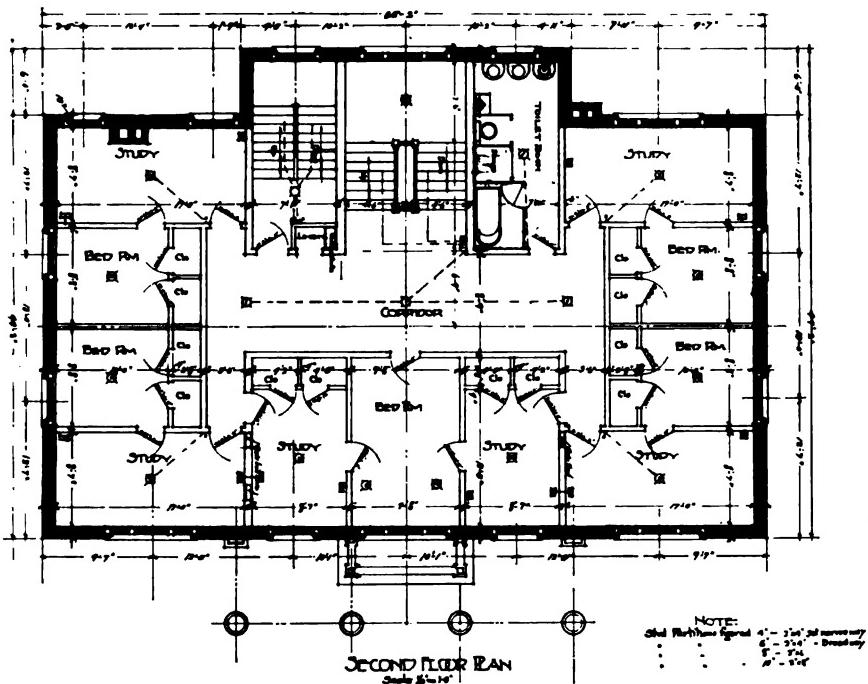
BASMENT PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

INDIANA THETA'S CHAPTER HOUSE.

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INDIANA THETA'S CHAPTER HOUSE.

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room is as near perfect as can be built and is finished in dark wainscot with dark red walls above.

The first floor of the house is given over entirely to the social purposes of the chapter. The main entrance opens into the central hall and faces the stairway; opening off this hall are two small rooms, one of which will be used as an office for the steward and treasurer and the other as a card room. On the other side there is a large coat room and telephone booth. The entire east end of this floor is given up to a general lounging room, containing a large fireplace and inglenook at one end. The corresponding room on the other end of the house is the pool room and opening off this is the alumni bedroom and bath.

The finish on the first floor is in dark hard woods and tinted rough plaster and the furniture is in heavy mission style matching the woodwork.

The plan of the second and third floor is the same. The house is arranged to accommodate twenty-four men, each two men with the exception of the freshmen having a study and adjoining bedroom, and each four freshmen having one bedroom and two studies. There is a large bathroom containing showers and lavatories on each floor. The finish above the first floor is in white enamel and rough plaster with the exception of the bathrooms which are finished entirely in white enamel and marble.

The building is heated by a low pressure steam plant which also heats the hot water for the house while in use; at other times the water is heated by a small separate heater installed for this purpose. The building is lighted entirely by electricity and tungsten lamps have been used wherever possible. Each man is supplied with an electric desk lamp for study. The servants' quarters are in the basement and on the fourth floor and have their own bath and toilet rooms.

Brother Dunlap, in designing this house, gave special attention to the question of permanency; the walls are of brick, the roof is of slate and wherever practicable steel beams were used to avoid shrinking and the consequent cracking of plaster.

Thus with an enduring shell the house should last a long time as there is no possibility of decay from the outside and the location is so good that the chapter in the future will only have to make minor interior changes without the question arising as to whether it is worth while.

Brother W. F. Stillwell, *DePauw*, '77, has built the house to

the entire satisfaction of the chapter and has always had the interests of Indiana Theta at heart. With these new quarters all visiting Phis are more than welcome and we hope to have the pleasure of entertaining many of them in the years to come, the alumni room being always at their disposal.

L. R. WIDLER, '11.
DYER BUTTERFIELD, '11.

THE NIAGARA FALLS CONVENTION.

It is only a few months until the long-cherished hopes of a large number of the members of Phi Delta Theta, who have long desired to see the experiment of a summer convention given a trial, will be realized. The date has been definitely decided and the convention will be held the second week in August (August 8 to 13) at Niagara Falls, N. Y. Headquarters will be at the International which is the finest hotel at the Falls.

To many the convention will afford the opportunity of seeing for the first time the majestic cataract which is one of the greatest natural wonders of the world. This sight alone will repay a long journey. In addition to the scenic beauties of Niagara Falls and vicinity an elaborate program of entertainments is in course of preparation which will occupy all the time which delegates and visitors can spare from the business of the convention.

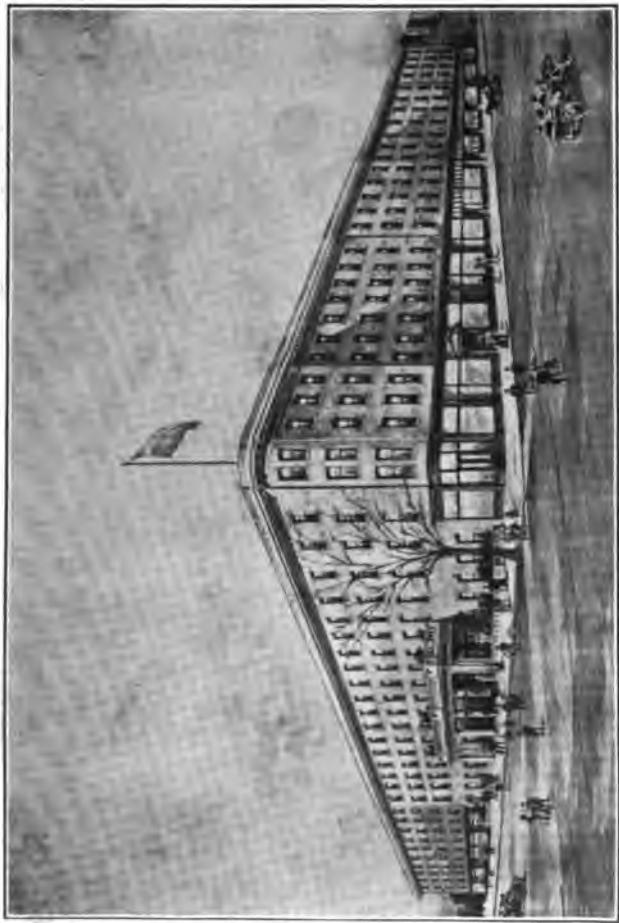
Many chapters have already elected delegates and alternates and are preparing to send in addition a number of visitors. Each chapter should elect at least three alternates so that, if the delegate should find himself unable to attend, there will be men enough in reserve holding themselves in readiness to go in response to a telegram. If the utmost care is not observed there will be one or more chapters unrepresented because at the time of the convention the members of the active chapters will be widely scattered.

Alumni clubs should arrange to be represented at the convention by delegates and visitors. We trust that a large majority of our alumni clubs will celebrate alumni day (March 15) and at these annual meetings delegates should be elected or appointed.

As has been customary for many years past, the Phis from the Northwest, West and Southwest will travel by special cars from Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati picking up delegations enroute, and uniting at Cleveland for the remainder of the jour-

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ney. We would suggest that a party be formed in Boston or New York, and another in Washington. The convention specials have been pleasant features of recent conventions and serve to prolong the week of festivities which is found to be all too short.

The summer convention should call forth from their retreats the married men who never can leave home on Thanksgiving. They are urged to bring their families with them and are assured that entertainment for the ladies will be comprehended in the convention arrangements.

Watch THE SCROLL and *The Palladium* for detailed announcements or address inquiries to any member of the general council.

PHI COLLEGE PRESIDENTS.

There are at the present time ten colleges and universities scattered from Maine to Idaho which are presided over by members of Phi Delta Theta. Moreover there are at least eight Phis who have in times past guided the destinies of as many more colleges and universities throughout the United States. Among our college ex-presidents may be named the late James Venable Logan, *Center*, '54, for many years president of old Center College which was merged into Central University a few years ago; William T. Stott, *Franklin*, '61, president of Franklin College; John T. McFarland, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '72, of Iowa Wesleyan University; C. Elwood Nash, *Lombard*, '75, of Lombard College; Tyson Dynes, *Central* (Mo.), '78, of Central College; Pinckney D. Pollock, *Georgia*, '85, of Mercer University; John P. Ashley, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '90, of Albion College; Andrew Sledd, *Randolph-Macon*, '92 of the University of Florida.

The number of Phis who are or have been members of college and university faculties is very large and it may safely be said that there is scarcely a collegiate institution of prominence throughout the country which does not number among its faculty one or more members of Phi Delta Theta.

The presidents of two of the three institutions in which our three oldest chapters are established are Phis.

ALSTON ELLIS, PRESIDENT OF OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Among the alumni of our oldest chapter one of the most prominent is Alston Ellis, *Miami*, '67. Born on a farm in Kenton County, Kentucky, January 26, 1847, his early education was

obtained in the country schools and in a private school at Covington, Ky. Before entering college he taught a country school near Carrollton, Ky., for a term.

In September 1864, Mr. Ellis entered the sophomore class at Miami University and in 1867 was graduated with honor. While in college he excelled in Latin and Greek and was a ready debater and speaker, delivering four public addresses during his senior year. In 1872 Miami conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. In 1879 Wooster University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy and the same degree was conferred upon him by Ohio State University in 1888. Two years later the same university conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws and he received the same degree from Miami in 1894.

While at Miami Mr. Ellis became a member of Ohio Alpha of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ and at the national convention held at Indianapolis in 1880 he delivered the convention oration.

Immediately after graduation Brother Ellis took up educational work, becoming principal of a ward school in Covington, Ky. His rise in his profession was rapid and in January 1892 he accepted the presidency of the State Agricultural College of Colorado at a salary of \$6,000 per year. In the interval from 1867 to 1892 Brother Ellis was connected with many educational boards and societies. From 1875 to 1879 he was a member of the Ohio State Board of School Examiners and was again made a member of that body in 1887. In 1891 he was re-elected to that board for a term of five years. He was much in demand for teachers institute work and also lectured before farmers institutes. For five years he was a member of the board of trustees of Ohio State University.

During the eight years of his presidency of Colorado Agricultural College the attendance increased from 106 to 347 while the material prosperity of the college was shown in the remodeling and enlargement of its buildings and the erection of the larger ones now standing on the campus. Dr. Ellis's activities in educational circles in Colorado attracted widespread attention. He was chairman of the college section of the Colorado Teachers' Association and soon became a leader in the institute work of the state. In 1893 he was commissioned colonel and aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Waite and was re-appointed by Governor McIntyre. Brother Ellis was elected vice president of the American Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations at the meeting of that association held in Minneapolis in 1897.



ALSTON ELLIS,
President of Ohio University.

On July 18, 1901 Dr. Ellis was unanimously elected president of Ohio University, the oldest institution of higher learning in the "Old Northwest" and at once entered upon the duties of his office. Under his charge the university has flourished and his home is a center of social life for college and city, both President and Mrs. Ellis being popular with the students of the university. He is the author of a number of books on educational subjects.

Brother Ellis is affiliated with the Presbyterian church, is a member of Science Lodge No. 50, A. F. & A. M., and of Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar at Sandusky, Ohio and of Lodge 93 B. P. O. Elks at Hamilton, Ohio. Among many learned societies of which he is a member may be mentioned the Victoria Institute, the philosophical society of Great Britain of which he is a life member.

GUY POTTER BENTON, PRESIDENT OF MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

For the past eight years the presidency of the institution which gave birth to $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has been held by a Phi, Brother Guy Potter Benton, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '88, who is well known to the younger generation of Phis and especially to convention-goers as one who has time, in the midst of a busy professional career, to devote to the interests of his Fraternity. Born in Kenton, Ohio, May 26, 1865, his early education was obtained in the public schools and in the Ohio Normal University. Later he entered Ohio Wesleyan University and was initiated by Ohio Beta. Graduating from Ohio Wesleyan in 1888 he was later awarded the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Divinity. In 1890 he became superintendent of city schools of Fort Scott, Kan., filling that position with credit until 1895 when he became assistant state superintendent of public instruction of Kansas. From 1896 to 1899 he occupied the chair of history and sociology at Baker University and was a member of the Kansas State Board of Education in 1899.

From 1899 to 1902 Mr. Benton was president of Upper Iowa University and in the latter year he was called to the presidency of Miami University. He has been connected with many educational associations, having been president of the Southeastern Kansas Teachers Association, secretary of the Ohio Conference College Deans and Presidents Association president of the Ohio College Association and president of the Educational Society of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Since his advent at Miami the university has prospered and grown at a phenomenal rate. During commencement week 1909 Miami celebrated her centennial with elaborate ceremonies. Among the speakers on this occasion was Brother Frederick W. Hinitt, president of Central University.

In the centennial year of Miami, President Benton published his latest book entitled "The Real College," which was reviewed in THE SCROLL for November, 1909.



GUY POTTER BENTON,
President of Miami University.

To Brother Benton more than to anyone else, perhaps, is due the credit for the beautiful chapter house erected at Miami in 1908 as a memorial to the six men who founded $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ at Miami sixty years before. Those who attended the national conventions at Columbus in 1898, New York in 1902, Washington in 1906 and Pittsburg in 1908 will remember Brother Benton as a most genial companion and a most eloquent speaker.

In 1889 Brother Benton was married to Miss Dolla Konantz and their residence in Oxford, "Lewis Place," has been the

scene of many social functions enjoyed by the college community and visitors . Brother Benton is at present abroad on leave of absence but will return to Oxford in time to take up his work at the opening of next college year.

DAVID FRANKLIN HOUSTON, CHANCELLOR OF WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., has had a rapid growth in recent years and under the patronage of wealthy citizens of St. Louis and others has come to be one of the leading universities of the country. When the institution was left without a head it became necessary to select a man of the highest executive ability to preside over the university. Accordingly Dr. David F. Houston, *South Carolina*, '87, then president of the University of Texas, was called to the chancellorship.

Dr. Houston's career has been one of steady application of unusual talents. Born in Union County, N. C., in 1866, at an early age he moved with his parents to South Carolina where he grew to manhood. Having prepared for college at the old St. John's Academy, Darlington, S. C., he entered South Carolina College at Columbia in 1885 where he joined $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, and was graduated therefrom with honors in 1887. He accepted a tutorship in Latin and Greek and pursued a graduate course in history and economics. He resigned to become superintendent of schools at Spartanburg, S. C., where he remained three years and then resigned to take up graduate work at Harvard in history, economics and government. He gained his M. A. in one year but remained two years more, holding a Morgan Fellowship during all three years. While at Cambridge he was president of the Graduate Club.

In 1894 he was appointed adjunct professor of political science in the University of Texas and in four years he became Science in the University of Texas and in four years he became successively assistant professor, full professor and head of the school of political science, serving also as dean of the faculty. Dr. Houston retained this chair until 1902 when he accepted the presidency of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. After three years service he was recalled to the University of Texas as its president. He continued in this office until his election as chancellor of Washington University in 1908.

Dr. Houston was married while at the University of Texas to Miss Helen Beall of Austin. They have one child, a son.



DAVID FRANKLIN HOUSTON,
Chancellor of Washington University.

Brother Houston is a contributor to magazines and reviews and is the author of "A History of Nullification in South Carolina," now in a second edition. He is a member of the Southern Board of Education and has received the degree of L. L. D. from Tulane and from the University of Wisconsin.

FREDERICK WILLIAM HINITT, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

In the center of one of the most historic counties of England, where

"The Avon to the Severn runs,
The Severn to the sea."

lies the old cathedral town of Kidderminster. It was in this picturesque and equally historic town that Frederick William Hinitt was born in the year 1866.

His father was of true English stock, his mother a native of Wales. In his early years he attended the grammar school of his native town. In the year 1880 the Hinitt family moved to America and settled near Fairbury, Neb.

After working in an office until 1886 young Hinitt decided to go to college, and after some time spent under a tutor he entered the sophomore class of Westminster College. During his college career he made a reputation as an orator and debater, as well as in scholarship. It was in Westminster that he cast his lot with $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. He was graduated from that college in 1889 with the degree of A. B., and in 1893 received his M. A. from the same institution. In 1889 he entered McCormick Theological Seminary and was graduated therefrom in 1892 with honors.

In the same year he married and was elected pastor of the Presbyterian church of Warrensburg, Mo. Two years later he was called to the pastorate of the large and important Presbyterian church of Ottumwa, Iowa. In 1896 he was chosen president of Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa. Having completed in the same year the required courses of study, the University of Wooster conferred on Dr. Hinitt the degree of Ph. D., *cum laude* and two colleges conferred upon him the degree of D. D.

In 1904 Central University was in need of a president and the board of trustees, having looked carefully over the country, decided on William Frederick Hinitt as the man for the place. He had made a growing and prosperous college out of Parsons and the trustees felt confident that he could do the same for Central.

Since the coming of Dr. Hinitt Central University has enjoyed great prosperity. He has caused the curriculum to be raised to a standard as high as that of any of the large eastern universities and far superior to the majority of the southern colleges. In the six years of his presidency all the buildings



FREDERICK WILLIAM HINITT,
President of Central University.

have been remodeled. Young's Science Hall, a building erected at a cost of \$50,000, has been built and is now the best equipped science building in Kentucky. The Carnegie Library is being built and next year a new dormitory is to be erected. All in all, since the inauguration of Dr. Hinitt, Central has advanced step by step until at present she stands as a monument to his untiring efforts.

ARTHUR JEREMIAH ROBERTS, PRESIDENT OF COLBY COLLEGE.

The easternmost outpost of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is Maine Alpha, which flourishes at Colby College of which Arthur Jeremiah Roberts, *Colby*, '90, is president. He was born at Waterboro, Me., October 11, 1867 and passed his childhood upon his father's farm,



ARTHUR JEREMIAH ROBERTS,
President of Colby College.

later preparing for college at Alfred high school and Limerick Academy. In 1885 he entered Colby where he took high rank in scholarship and was awarded a number of honors. He gave attention to athletics and held a place on the 'varsity baseball team.

Having been graduated in 1890 Brother Roberts returned

to Colby as an instructor in rhetoric and English literature, becoming professor of those subjects in 1894. Later he took graduate work at Harvard and received the degree of A. M. in 1900. In 1908 he was appointed dean of the men's division at Colby and later in the same year was made president of that college. Although he has not yet completed his second year as president, the college is showing the good effect of his labors. He is popular with the students and with the citizens of the college town of Waterville, as he takes a deep interest in college affairs and in civic matters. As a lecturer he has become widely known and has been president of the Maine Teachers Association and of the Maine Librarians Association. He is the first president of Colby College not a clergyman of the Baptist denomination.

HENRY LOUIS SMITH, PRESIDENT OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

Henry Louis Smith, *Virginia*, '87, was born in Greensboro, N. C., July 30, 1859. His father was a noted minister, Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D., for a third of a century pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Greensboro. He had five sons, all of whom have obtained distinction in their several callings.

Henry Louis Smith was prepared for college in the city schools of Greensboro, entered Davidson in 1877 and was graduated with honor in 1881, winning college medals in essay-writing, mathematics and Greek. He was awarded the degree of M. A. for graduate work a few years later. In 1881 he became principal of the Selma (N. C.) Academy, and maintained a prosperous and rapidly growing high school until 1886, when he entered the University of Virginia for graduate work in physics and geology. During the year spent at Virginia he won the orator's medal of the Temperance Union Debating Society and became a member of Virginia Beta of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. In 1887 he was elected to the chair of physics at Davidson College but returned to the University of Virginia in 1890-91, winning the orator's medal of the Jefferson Literary Society and receiving the degree of Ph. D.

In 1897 he was elected to the vice-presidency of Davidson College and in 1901 to the presidency assuming the duties of president in 1902. Since then the attendance of the college has increased from 132 to 343, its patronage from outside of the state of North Carolina from 62 to 173, its equipment and buildings have been doubled and its annual income nearly trebled. A movement now approaching completion will treble

its endowment within three years, while its area of patronage reaches from Texas to Connecticut.

In 1906 President Smith received from the University of North Carolina the degree of L. L. D., and has held many positions of honor in various educational and scientific asso-



HENRY LOUIS SMITH,
President of Davidson College.

ciations. In 1896 he was married to Miss Julia Lorraine Du-puy and is devoted to his home circle of three boys and three girls.

His favorite outdoor sports have been fishing, skating, canoeing, bicycling and mountain-climbing, while his present avocation is scientific gardening.

Outside of his professional and administrative activities his work as a public speaker has carried his personal influence into every southern state. For the past six or eight years he has delivered forty or fifty public addresses a year before widely scattered audiences on educational, scientific or religious topics.



WILLIAM ALEXANDER WEBB,
President of Central College.

**WILLIAM ALEXANDER WEBB, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL
COLLEGE.**

Another son of North Carolina to be called to a college presidency is William Alexander Webb, *Vanderbilt*, '91. He was born in Durham, N. C., July 30, 1867, his father, the Rev. Richard S. Webb, having been chaplain of a North Caro-

lina regiment during the civil war. Having been prepared for college by his uncles, Messrs. W. R. and J. M. Webb now of Bell Buckle, Tenn., he entered Vanderbilt University in 1887 and was graduated four years later with the degree of A. B. In his freshman year at Vanderbilt he became a member of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. He was also a member of the Dialectic Literary Society and was chairman of the literary committee of *The Comet*. In 1891 he was the winner of the Owen prize medal in moral philosophy and was elected to $\Phi B K$.

After a year as graduate fellow at Vanderbilt and three years of teaching in the Webb School, Mr. Webb spent two years in foreign travel and study in the University of Leipsic. In 1897 he became principal of Central Academy, Fayette, Mo., and two years later was elected professor of English in Central College, holding this chair until his election to the presidency of that college, and spending the year 1903-4 on leave of absence in graduate study in the University of Berlin.

Brother Webb was married January 31, 1899 to Miss Mary Lee Clary of Bell Buckle, Tenn. They have four children.

Dr. Webb has executive ability, scholarly attainments and general fitness for the duties of president of a growing college and the institution over which he presides is prospering under his leadership. He is a member of the Religious Educational Association and the Southern Educational Association and is a contributor to the magazines of the day.

WILLIAM JUDSON BOONE, PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO.

The College of Idaho was founded in 1891 at Caldwell, Idaho and to William Judson Boone, *Wooster*, '84, belongs, principally, the credit for the existence of the college and for its growth during the first two decades of its career. Brother John T. Morrison, *Wooster*, '87, former governor of Idaho, said of Brother Boone: "He came to Idaho, a young man just out of the seminary. The field was new and its hardships many. He did not falter, but entered, with all the force of a character that stands, into the work at hand. Here he is today, after twenty years, stable and sure, steadily pursuing his appointed task, the best liked and the most thoroughly respected man in all this section of the country. What did he do? He built churches and school houses and put in them preachers and teachers, and he entered with his sanctified common sense into the lives of those to whom he ministered. He

taught the young, counseled the old, preached and lectured in the churches and schools, officiated at the weddings and funerals, visited the homes when rejoicing in pleasure and when shadowed by sorrow and always and everywhere his words and presence were a helpful and encouraging benedic-



WILLIAM JUDSON BOONE,
President of the College of Idaho.

tion. At Caldwell, in the midst of his field of activity, he built a college which is destined to grow and to be more and more of a factor in establishing and maintaining a Christian civilization in this inter-mountain region." In 1909 Dr. Boone completed a canvass for funds which resulted in an endowment of \$100,000 for the college. Thus has Brother Boone piloted

the College of Idaho through a most difficult beginning and the future should be comparatively easy.

HORACE ELLIS, PRESIDENT OF VINCENNES UNIVERSITY.

Vincennes University is one of the oldest collegiate institutions in the Middle West having completed its first century in



HORACE ELLIS,
President of Vincennes University.

1906. The president of Vincennes is Horace Ellis, *Butler*, '87, and, if the Republican convention shall so decree, he will be that party's candidate for the office of state superintendent of public instruction.

He was born at Decatur, Ill., July 9, 1861 and spent the

earlier years of his life on his father's farm near Martinsville, Ind., attending country school. He entered Butler College with the class of '87 and became a member of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. Later he took his A. B. degree from Indiana University and his A. M. from Butler College, while the University of Idaho conferred upon him the degree of Ph. D. in 1903. His life work has been along educational lines and he has been successively superintendent of Indianapolis suburban schools, superintendent of the public schools of Franklin, Ind., and president of the Idaho State Normal School.

In 1904 Dr. Ellis became president of Vincennes University. He is in great demand for institute work and enjoys a wide reputation as a lecturer.

JOHN J. TIGERT, PRESIDENT OF KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE.

Our youngest college president is John J. Tigert, *Vanderbilt*, '04, who was installed last May as president of Kentucky Wesleyan College. He was born February 11, 1882 on the Vanderbilt campus, Nashville, Tenn., his father, the late Bishop Tigert of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, having been a professor at Vanderbilt. After preparing for college in the public schools of Nashville and later at the Webb School at Bell Buckle, Tenn., he entered Vanderbilt University in 1900 and was initiated into $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. In college Brother Tigert took an active part in all student activities. In 1904 he secured the first Rhodes scholarship from Tennessee and went to Oxford in September of that year. He was enrolled in Pembroke College which numbers among its distinguished members, Dr. Samuel Johnson, Sir William Blackstone and many others. At Oxford Brother Tigert took a "second" in the Honor School of Jurisprudence and kept up his athletic work, playing football on his college Rugby and association teams, being on the college track and tennis teams, winning a trophy in a boat race and having a place on the Oxford University baseball team composed of Rhodes scholars.

Leaving Oxford in July 1907, Brother Tigert accepted the chair of Philosophy in Central College, Fayette, Mo., remained there two years and resigned to accept the position which he now holds. He is a member of the committee for the selection of Rhodes scholars in Kentucky and vice president of the Association of Kentucky Colleges and Universities. He has contributed articles to American and British magazines. He was married August 25, 1909, to Miss Edith J. Bristol of Chicago.

On the whole Phi Delta Theta has reason to be proud of her sons who have devoted themselves to higher education and she looks forward with confidence to even greater achievements in this field.



JOHN JAMES TIGERT,
President of Kentucky Wesleyan College.

OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Located on the winding Hock-hocking amid the picturesque hills of southern Ohio is the town which, according to Theodore Roosevelt, "with queer poverty of imagination and fatuous absence of humor has been given the name of Athens." Probably the strenuous ex-president would have considered it more

EWING HALL, OHIO UNIVERSITY.



appropriate to have named it "Hog-Hollow" or "Buzzard's Glory" or some such euphonious title instead. In justification of its name, it must be remembered that the settlers sent out by the Ohio Company of Associates had a greater per cent of graduates from Yale and Harvard than any similar body of pioneers in America. So when these men christened Marietta, Athens, Campus Martius, Rome, Troy and Carthage it was not because of paucity of imagination but rather out of their abundance of knowledge. The humor of the situation may never have struck them for they were Englishmen. But the desire to build well was theirs. So they laid the foundation deep and broad. The settlement began under the "reign of law" and with it was the establishment by law of the church, the school and the college. The fathers of Ohio may have lacked imagination and they may not have been able to see a joke but neither were they renegades, squatters, bush-whackers nor scalp-hunters. This fact alone ought to neutralize their "fatuous" short-comings and we can forgive them their classical enthusiasm in calling the log buildings erected in the woods of Ohio a university and the hamlet surrounding it Athens.

As already intimated the Ohio University had its birth with that of the State. When Dr. Manasseh Cutler was bargaining for the purchase of land for the Ohio Company Congress hesitated about donating the two townships of land for the support of a university. Dr. Cutler at once went to his room and began to pack his belongings preparatory for departure. The negotiations were all off as far as he was concerned. This brought the committee to time. The bargain was struck and this made Dr. Manasseh Cutler "Father of the Ohio University" the first college in the "Old Northwest." So when Rufus Putnam, leader, came to Marietta, he carried a commission to establish "an university for the promotion of good education, piety, religion and morality." Later Dr. Cutler wrote the charter for the new college and directed from his Massachusetts home its establishment. Finally all was ready to locate the proposed school and the committee appointed for the purpose proceeded up the Great Hock-hocking. It was accompanied by a surveyor, a number of assistants and fifteen men to guard against a possible Indian attack. This was a strange introduction of the higher classics to the Northwest. In a fleet of canoes, propelled by the power of the setting pole against the swift and narrow channel of the Great Hock-hocking, accompanied by armed guards against the lurking savages, and carrying with them

FRONT VIEW OF ELLIS HALL—OHIO UNIVERSITY.



pork, beans and hard tack that made up their rough fare, the committee of old veterans of three wars proceeded to fix, with compass and chain, the boundaries of the university lands. There was little of culture and polish in the undertaking but rifles, canoes and salt pork were never put to better use. This was in 1795.

Finally the charter was granted by the new State of Ohio and a meeting of the trustees was called by Governor Tiffin the first governor of the state. His Excellency himself was present and he rode sixty miles over roads that were trails with only occasional pioneer cabins to cheer the lonely traveler. Others of the trustees came even farther and in their journey they crossed cliffs, followed the winding streams and passed the haunts of the bear, the wolf and the panther. It seems incongruous. These men had traveled fifty to one hundred miles by blind Indian trails through dense forests inhabited by wild animals to this embryo village for the purpose of establishing an institution of learning.

Four years elapsed before the building erected was ready for occupancy and notice was given that everything was in readiness for the reception of students. On registration day three young men applied for admission. Rev. Jacob Lindley, a Dartmouth graduate, was the faculty. The growth of the college was necessarily slow but it gained in favor with the citizenship of the state. From the time Thomas Ewing went forth as one of the two first graduates until even now the university has maintained a standard of excellence second to none in the country. At the trustees meeting held April 17, 1823 that body felicitated itself upon the position the infant institution had taken in the ranks of colleges.

"It is a subject of peculiar gratification that the standing of this institution is rapidly rising in the public mind. While there are many other institutions in the state, facts warrant the conclusion that the Ohio University has precedence in the confidence of the public."

The trustees had ample reason for this burst of self laudation. Every part of the state was represented in the student body. Students came from Kentucky, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Graduates went forth into the new west and many a new college in the Mississippi Valley had Ohio University graduates in its faculty. The attendance reached high water mark in the days of the great William H. McGuffey, who was president of the institution in the first years of the forties. Then began a series

MUSIC HALL AND CENTRAL BUILDING WITH EWING HALL IN BACKGROUND, OHIO UNIVERSITY.



of adverse and pernicious legislation that virtually robbed the pioneer college of its splendid patrimony and the next half century the institution barely existed. But it continued to send out splendid men for its alumni and ex-students include some of the best men of the country. These years produced "Sunset" Cox, Ben. Butterworth, Judge Shiras of the United States Supreme Court, Oliver P. Shiras, also a federal judge, Congressman Trimble, War Governor John Brough, Governor Bigger of Indiana, Bishops Ames, Moore and Cranston of the Methodist church and scores of others more or less prominent.

Then came a new and better day for the old college. The state in order somewhat to make reparation for its dereliction began the appropriation of money for new buildings of the most modern type. A regular mill tax was levied upon the taxable property of the state as a permanent revenue for the current expenses of the institution. Within the last decade nearly half a million dollars have been expended in the way of permanent improvements.

Instead of the old Central Building erected in 1817, the oldest college edifice in the Northwest Territory, and the two wings erected away back in the thirties there are now eleven buildings in all. Ewing Hall, the administration building, named in honor of the first graduate, is a handsome building containing a beautiful auditorium seating a thousand people. Ellis Hall, the home of the State Normal College, is the largest structure on the campus. Boyd Hall, named in honor of the first woman to graduate, is the home of the co-eds as is Women's Hall. The gymnasium is one of the latest improvements to be received. There is no better equipped college gymnasium in Ohio—all the modern facilities are there such as race track and swimming pool. The Carnegie Library is a neat structure in which is maintained 30,000 volumes of well selected books.

Ohio University has been co-educational since about 1870. The first woman-graduate was in 1873. Co-education did not come by the board of trustees but the co-eds came and demanded entrance on the ground of its being a state institution. The first co-ed arrived with bag and baggage and prepared to remain. For awhile she was known as "Adney's private pupil" but finally the doors were thrown wide open and as usual the women had their way and Ohio University would be rather a dreary place if it were not for the co-eds.

The college of liberal arts of the Ohio University is of course

THE GYMNASIUM, OHIO UNIVERSITY.



the real thing. The other departments have their clientage but the student who gets his A. B. receives a deference that expresses the standing of the old line education of the humanities.

It is not too much to say that the credit of this newer and better day for the old college is due in a great measure to the vigorous administration of President Alston Ellis, Ohio Alpha, '67. Brother Ellis had a long experience in public school and college work and this has fitted him in an admirable degree in maintaining a policy of administration for a state institution where the public schools are so closely related.

Ohio University has long been recognized, and rightly too, as the "poor boy's school." The authorities maintain with show of evidence that any young man or woman can graduate here with less expenditure of money than in any other college in Ohio. Opportunities for self-help are numerous.

The graduates of Ohio University are admitted without question to the large institutions of the country. There are now representatives doing graduate work and holding fellowships in Harvard, Clark, Cornell, Chicago and John Hopkins.

The relationship existing between "town and gown," has always been the most aimable. In Athens the college is the big thing. Social life centers about the campus. The citizens of the town are interested in their historic school and as a result the students are invited into the best homes. Students are given the preference in odd jobs of work. There are no saloons and the college authorities, faculty, students and their friends helped bring this about.

This in brief is the story of the pioneer college of the central west. We have seen its origin as a gift from the national government, its growth and its period of the "dark ages." But it has had its renaissance. And in 1904 when its centennial anniversary was celebrated its sons and daughters from the East the West the North and the South and even from beyond the seas gathered beneath the old beech that was standing when the bell first rang for classes at the opening of last century. Here, too, they gazed at the row of seventeen stately elms planted by the hands of the great McGuffey and wandered through the corridors of the old building that had sheltered them and thousands of others through the lapse of the century and all stood beneath the trees and sang the praises of "Old O. U."

EUGENE F. THOMPSON, *Ohio, '12.*

BOYD'S HALL (Women's Dormitory), OHIO UNIVERSITY.



ALPHA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

This convention, held at Montreal February 17 to 19, was unique in several respects. It was the first convention ever held by our Fraternity beyond the borders of the United States and it was the first, so far as this province is concerned, to be held at the mid-winter season. The entertaining chapter wisely confined the entertainment to those things which are typically Canadian, substituting for theatre parties and a dance hockey matches, snow-shoeing, tobogganning and ski-ing. This plan favored by good weather and plenty of snow worked to perfection and made the convention one long to be remembered by those who had the good fortune to be in attendance.

Many of the delegates and visiting brothers from nearby points arrived in Montreal the day before and the early morning trains of Thursday brought the rest, so that at the opening session every delegate was in his seat and the opening ceremonies were participated in by about seventy. The meeting was called to order in the convention hall of the Windsor Hotel at 10:30 A. M. by Vice-President Doten. Brother A. R. Landry, *McGill*, '07, welcomed the delegates and visitors on behalf of the entertaining chapter in a most felicitous manner and then called upon Dr. William Peterson, principal of McGill University, who extended the greetings of the university in a most delightful manner. Principal Peterson showed a thorough acquaintance with the ideals and objects of American college fraternities and a perfect knowledge of social and political conditions in "The States." Brief responses were made by Brother S. K. Ruick, P. G. C., for the Fraternity at large; by Brothers Faus and Hoch for the undergraduates and by Brother Doten for the province. At the conclusion of the exercises a brief recess was taken, after which the real business of the convention was taken up. The organization and work of this and the four subsequent sessions will be covered in detail by the minutes which will appear in the April *Palladium*. All that need be said at this time is that the delegates and visitors showed a remarkable devotion to duty in their constant attendance and that a most harmonious spirit prevailed throughout. Many questions of great interest to individual chapters and to the general Fraternity were discussed, though, of course, little could be done in the way of actual legislation. The active members derived much benefit from the advice and instruction imparted by the alumni and all were particularly indebted to

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the members of the general council, Brothers Ballou and Ruick, who contributed freely from their store of experience and knowledge.

The special functions began with the smoker Thursday evening. This was held at the Hotel Peloquin, about seven miles from the center of the city. Three large barges drawn by four-horse teams conveyed seventy-five shouting and singing "Phi Delt's" from their headquarters at the Windsor Hotel to this Mecca of mirth and song. An abundance of fur coats, sweaters and robes made this long ride in the crisp air a delightful experience and even the facing of a young blizzard on the return trip in the early hours of the morning only added zest to the whole affair. The smoker was like others of its kind except that it was the "best yet" in every respect. Many stunts were pulled off but honors were carried off by Brother "Bill" Landry.

The chief event of the convention was the banquet at the Windsor Hotel Friday night. After witnessing a spirited hockey match between the McGill and Laval University teams about 75 Phis gathered about the board. The menu represented the best efforts of the Windsor chef and like all things connected with the convention showed the excellent judgment and good taste of the McGill men. It was not long after midnight when the coffee and cigars were reached and Brother A. Raymond Landry, *McGill*, '07, called the brothers to their feet to sing "God Save the King" and "America," and introduced in his most happy manner the following speakers:

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| John B. Ballou, <i>Ohio State</i> , '98..... | "Phi Delta Theta Ideals." |
| John Kirkman, <i>Cornell</i> , '10 | "Life in Fraternity." |
| W. Allen Newell, <i>Williams</i> , '05 | "Fraternity in Life." |
| Carroll W. Doten, <i>Vermont</i> , '95 | "Alpha Province." |
| Vaughn E. Black, <i>McGill</i> , '10 | "In Bond." |
| William N. Compton, <i>Alabama</i> , '88.... | "Seats of the Mighty." |

At the conclusion of the program the brothers joined hands around the room and sang "Auld Lang Syne" and gave the fraternity yell. The meeting broke up about 2:30 A. M., but other unofficial gatherings were formed where the rest of the night was spent in jolly good fellowship with song and story.

Saturday afternoon was spent on the slides and at the skiing exhibition on the heights above the city. The final event of the convention was a great hockey match between the Ottawa and Montreal professional teams, the best in Canada and consequently in the world. This rounded out three days and nights full of fun and frolic interspersed with a satisfactory amount

of serious work and the delegates and visitors separated for their homeward journey, vowing never to miss a fraternity convention if it is held within a thousand miles of them.

The writer lacks both space and ability to adequately describe the events or to fairly represent to the reader the unbounded enthusiasm everywhere in evidence. Nothing quite equal to it has ever before been witnessed in Alpha Province and it is only fair to say that the success of this convention was due primarily to the good management and splendid hospitality of a chapter whose first class was graduated only seven years ago.

Besides the officers already mentioned the convention was made up of delegates from every one of the twenty active chapters in the province and from the Burlington, Montreal, New York, and Schenectady Alumni Clubs. Altogether 86 delegates and visitors signed the convention register.

CARROLL W. DOTEN,
Vice-President of Alpha Province.

NEBRASKA ALPHA'S THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

The thirty-fifth anniversary of Phi Delta Theta at the University of Nebraska will be commemorated March 19, by Nebraska Alpha, when a grand reunion and banquet will be held in Omaha, under the auspices of the Alumni Club of that city. Although the charter which hangs on the wall of Nebraska's chapter house bears the date of 1883, Nebraska Alpha's sons do not regard those whose names are upon its face as the chapter's founders. Another charter, probably long since destroyed, bearing the date of March 16, 1875, is the one to which the chapter lays claim, and in remembrance of which her active and alumni members meet each year to pay homage to the chapter's birth.

The history of the early years of fraternity life at Nebraska, when related by those who knew its joys and pathos, sounds like a Rex Beach novel. Many an early alumnus of Nebraska Alpha tells with gusto and a reminiscent smile of the struggles he had with an unyielding faculty and irreconcilable "barbs" when the Phis, the first men who wore the insignia of a Greek letter society at the University of Nebraska, had to disown their affiliation with any secret society under the threat of expulsion from school.

Now, however, conditions are far different at Nebraska, and the fraternities are recognized as an organic part of the insti-

tution. Through them the officers of the university control the social life of the students and keep much more closely in touch with the under-classmen than they otherwise could. A university governing committee, composed of Greek letter men who are members of the faculty, meets regularly with representatives from the fraternities and discusses with them plans for the betterment of student affairs, both inside and outside of the secret societies. Rules governing rushing, pledging, initiating, social affairs, athletics, scholarship and general university life are made by the council, no regulation, however, being in force until sanctioned by a majority of the fraternities.

In case of infractions, as in the instance of $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$, which last fall disobeyed one of the council's rulings, and was prohibited from initiating for a year, that body is unyielding in its punishment for disobedience of its rules. The university supports the council in all that it does and assists in enforcing its orders. This year the fraternity council voted to abolish half of the formal fraternity parties, thus saving the Greeks several thousand dollars, and passed a ruling limiting the hour of all social functions to midnight. Three years ago it passed rigorous rules, under which no freshman can be initiated until he has fulfilled high scholarship requirements.

Thus, although the fraternities number in their membership less than twenty per cent. of the male students, the Greek letter societies at Nebraska have a powerful influence in university life.

Discouraged by the constant fear of exposure and consequent dismissal from school, the founders of Nebraska Alpha, after a few years of sub rosa existence, surrendered their charter. Nebraska Alpha's members, however, love to honor the men who wore the sword and shield in those early days. The founders and the early initiates are among the most illustrious of Nebraska's alumni. Some of those early Phis are Willis Sweet, former congressman from Idaho; Clarence Rhoades, well known Denver editor; Francis Lambertson, Amos E. Gantt and others who have made their way to the front in public life.

In 1883 a group of six young men, brought together by the ties of kindred temperament, through the instrumentality of Brother J. R. Webster then attorney-general of Nebraska, obtained a new charter for Nebraska Alpha. Earlier in that year $\Sigma\ X$ had entered the University.

For five years these two were alone, and then $B\Theta\Pi$ entered.

Since then every few years a new fraternity has come until there are now ten national fraternities and nine sororities.

For many years it has been the proud boast of Nebraska Alpha that she graduates more initiates than any other fraternity there and a far greater percentage than the school in general. Figures recently compiled by the secretary of the university show that 27 per cent of the men who matriculate take degrees. Not including the men now in the active chapter, Nebraska Alpha has graduated 51 per cent of her initiates. The secret of the chapter's success in graduating its men seems to be that for years a committee of upper classmen has served as a consultation board and has kept closely in touch with the scholarship records of the younger men. With one exception the chapter has never had a man leave school on account of delinquency in school work.

But, while Nebraska Alpha's men have been aggressive in the pursuit of their studies, they have "never permitted their studies to interfere with their college course." The chapter has ever taken, year after year, as many college honors, has had as many men in the inter-fraternity and class societies and has taken as keen an interest in general university life as has any other fraternity, and, were it not that we would be accused of being vainglorious, we would say "more" instead of "as many."

Nebraska Alpha was the first fraternity at Nebraska to own its own home, which it has occupied for many years. The chapter has now placed the old house in the hands of a real estate dealer and has had plans completed for the erection of a new residence, which will be by far the finest house occupied by any fraternity at Nebraska, and which the chapter hopes will be as good as any house occupied by any fraternity anywhere. The stock-and-bonds plan is to be used in securing funds for the new house, above the amount the present property will bring and what can be obtained from cash subscriptions.

Contrary to custom, Nebraska Alpha will hold her annual reunion in Omaha this year, rather than in Lincoln, the home of the active chapter. The banquet will be under the direction of the Omaha Alumni Club. With the members of the active chapter, about twenty-five Lincoln alumni and fifty Omaha alumni, all of whom have promised to be present, with a scattering of visiting Phis, the national and province officers and a number of alumni from neighboring cities, the thirty-fifth anniversary banquet of Nebraska Alpha should be a memorable one.

FRANK C. BUILTA, *Nebraska*, '08.

CHAPTER PAPERS.

So far this year four chapter papers have reached us. The first was *The Knocker and Joke Book*, issued by Quebec Alpha, "published whenever the editor feels like it; subscription, any loose change you may have." No. 1 of Volume I is dated October 1909. It contains much interesting news about McGill, the chapter and members. The house rented by the chapter has had new furnishings, and the members think they have "the best looking chapter rooms at McGill." The plans for acquiring a chapter house are detailed and a statement of the cost and subscriptions received shows that the prospects for early ownership are good. The chapter was "very successful" in the rushing season and is "in very strong condition." A list is given of the principal college honors of the members and the paper says:

This are filling the two highest positions at McGill. Bill Robertson was last spring elected president of the students' council, the body which controls all student interests at McGill. Vaughan Black is president of the football club, a position which carries with it membership on the students' council and the athletic association. He has also recently been elected president of the Canadian intercollegiate football union.

The paper contains university notes, athletic notes, chapter notes, alumni personals, information about the Montreal alumni club and announcements of the Alpha province convention at Montreal and the national convention at Niagara Falls. In fact it would be difficult for any chapter to issue a more newsy, interesting and better balanced paper. The effect of the two great fires at McGill in 1907 have disappeared, the new engineering building and new medical building having been erected on "a much grander scale" than the old structures.

The Champaign Shout is "published on demand" by the Illinois chapter. The second issue, dated October 22, 1909, is numbered No. 1, Volume II, and also called "The Reunion Number." Illinois Eta has a big reunion of alumni every year and the reunion plans for October 30 were given in full. After strenuous rushing, ten Phikeias were initiated on October 9. Personals about them are given, also a complete list of the active members, including their nicknames. There is a wealth of alumni personals, showing that Illinois Eta keeps in close touch with her alumni. During the summer the exterior and interior of the house were improved and the members "returned to one of the best looking fraternity houses at Illinois."

The Colorado Outburst announces that it is published "semi-occasionally" by Colorado Alpha, and that it has a "circulation more or less than a million a week." No. 1 of Volume I is dated December, 1909. It tells of the plans of the chapter to acquire ownership of a house. There is much chapter news of a varied nature, including details about rushing and about a chapter dance and other social events. Judge J. D. Fleming, *Centre*, '76, was toastmaster at the initiation banquet which was attended by about fifteen alumni of Colorado Alpha and other chapters. The following items are clipped from the paper:

After a short but strenuous rushing season we succeeded in pledging seven of the best freshmen that ever came to the 'varsity. We are not afraid to tell them so, for the cold water treatment is always applicable to enlarged craniums, in fact it has already been used in some instances.

We are very fortunate to have so enthusiastic a Phi on the faculty as Judge Fleming, the dean of the law school. No initiation or banquet would be complete without the judge's stories. Mrs. Fleming is a good Phi too.

Colorado Alpha adopted the card system for freshmen last year and holds the unique record of being the only one of the thirteen fraternities and sororities here that did not have a freshman flunk out the first semester. This year's class is doing even better work.

The paper is replete with university news, athletic news, vacation notes about members, alumni personals, a list of visitors to the chapter, a full list of the active members with their nicknames and a burlesque professional directory of some of the alumni. It will not be easy for Colorado Alpha to improve on the first issue of its paper.

The Reminder is "published whenever reminding is necessary" by Ohio Alpha. The third issue is labeled No. 1, Volume II, and dated January 20, 1910. It contains an account of the rushing season, which was a "grand success" so far as Ohio Alpha was concerned. An unusually valuable feature of this paper is its publication of letters from some of the older alumni. The plan of having prominent alumni make "occasional addresses in the chapter hall" has been adopted, and such addresses had been made by Dr. C. E. Schenk, Ohio Beta, '90, of Cincinnati, and Judge Frank Davis, Ohio Alpha, '70, of Batavia, while Judge J. B. Swing, Indiana Epsilon, '76, of Cincinnati, was yet to come. There is a full list of the active members including nicknames, as in the cases of Colorado and Illinois. We are pleased to note the unparalleled prosperity of Miami under its $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ president, Dr. Guy Potter Benton.

Two new buildings are being erected, an \$80,000 library and a building for the normal department. The following is quoted from the paper:

Bigger and better. That spells Miami this year. Not that former records have not been good, but that present records are better. We began last fall with an enrollment of over 500 students, the largest in the history of Miami, and this in spite of the fact that the entrance requirements are being pushed a little higher every year. For the last few years Miami has had its preparatory department reduced to one year, thereby greatly limiting the number of sub-freshmen. Next year that department will be abolished entirely.

The paper published at Colorado has four pages of four columns each. The papers published at Illinois and Miami each has four pages of three columns each. The paper published at McGill in size and appearance somewhat resembles *The Palladium*. It has eight pages, of which seven are printed, and when other numbers are issued can be very conveniently preserved by binding.

No chapter will thrive if opposed by the professors of a university. How much better it would be if the faculty believed that fraternities were college institutions and not mere pleasure clubs, that their members attained scholastic honors and that the object of each chapter was a serious one, the founding of scholarships and prizes, not a continual endeavor to distract and amuse freshmen. I am sure if every chapter could make clear to the faculty the good it really does, one word from a president or professor of our large universities would do the general fraternity world more good than any number of articles written by individual members. If, in answer to the charges of narrowness brought about by fraternity life, some well-known professor could say, "I have been in close touch with the fraternities at my university and I have seen chapters with a definite work, such as founding scholarships, or taking care of the new students during the first few lonely weeks. Their members are good students and are in every way beneficial to our college," think what a justification of fraternity life this would be! Rushing season would be made easier; certainly a student would more easily be won by a recognized and honored college institution than by a fraternity which merely tolerated or opposed by the faculty. The beginning of the college year is near; let us think seriously of co-operation with the faculty.

MARY MINOR, in the K K Γ Key.

HONOR TO THEE, PHI DELTA THETA.

AIR—"Alma Mater" (New York University).

Phi Delta Theta—Thee we honor,
 Our haven mid all storms and strife;
 Thy shelter we shall ever yearn for,
 Thy blessing be our goal of life.
 Though seas of time may surge about us,
 And we alone and wearied be,
 Still thy true, noble Bond of friendship
 Will call us back to thee.

Phi Delta Theta—how we love thee,
 The guardian of our college days.
 Thee may we ever love and cherish
 And ever sing to thee our praise.
 Like children loyal to their mother
 May we forever faithful be,
 And keep as our heart's brightest treasure
 Fidelity to thee.

SAMUEL MUNDY MEEKER, *Williams*, '09, and
 GEORGE WILSON VAN GORDER, *Williams*, '11.

**GROWTH OF COLLEGE FRATERNITIES IN THE PAST
TWENTY YEARS.**

We present herewith a diagram showing the growth of college fraternities in the twenty years from 1890 to 1910. The figures for 1890 are taken from Baird's "American College Fraternities" and only those fraternities are shown which were in existence as college fraternities in 1890. The order followed is that of the greatest growth in number of chapters since 1890 and ranges from a gain of 55 chapters by K Σ to a loss of two chapters by X Φ. The perpendicular line marks the year 1890 while the length of the line to the left indicates the size of the fraternity in 1890 while the length of the line to the right indicates the growth since that year. The horizontal lines in their entirety represent the relative size of the various fraternities at the present time in number of chapters. We believe that this diagram presents facts which will surprise many of our readers. While the attendance of men at American colleges and universities has increased from 38,000 in 1890 to 120,000 in 1910 (these figures are from United States government statistics) or an increase of more than 200 per cent, the increase in number of chapters has been less than 60 per cent. Two results of this gain in collegiate attendance are larger chapters of established fraternities and the organization of new fraternities.

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Number of Chapters 1890	Name of Fraternity	Growth in 20 Years	Total Chapters 1910
22	K Σ	55	77
20	Σ N	43	63
31	Σ A E	39	70
35	A T Ω	25	60
4	Π K A	23	27
38	Σ X	21	59
26	K A (s)	21	47
40	Φ Γ Δ	17	57
11	Φ K Σ	16	27
39	Δ T Δ	14	53
60	B Θ Π	13	73
26	Δ T	12	38
35	Φ K Ψ	9	44

EDITORIAL.

IN the preface of "The History of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity," published in 1906, chapters were urged to observe strictly the requirements of the code with regard to the safe keeping of their records and with regard to having their histories written up year by year. An appeal was made for the publication of separate chapter histories, giving more details about the career of each chapter than room could be found for in the history of the Fraternity. A series of monographs containing chapter histories would make a most valuable addition to the bibliography of the Fraternity. We had hopes that by this time several chapter histories would have been published but have been disappointed. We trust that it will not be very long before several such works are issued. We learn that the manuscript of the history of Massachusetts Alpha has been at least partly prepared by Brother W. Allan Newell, Williams, '05, and that it will probably be published in 1911, which will be the twenty-fifth year after the chapter was organized. If one good chapter history is published it will be a model for others and will probably be soon followed by others. Several excellent chapter histories have been issued by chapters of other fraternities. It is not creditable to Phi Delta Theta that its chapters are behind in this respect.

EVERY chapter that has neglected to prepare its history should appoint a committee, or some single member specially fitted for the task, to write its annals up to the present time. With some of the younger chapters the task should be comparatively easy. In the case of the older chapters the work would probably better be divided among several members, instead of depending entirely on the chapter historian. Chapter archives and college publications should be searched, the information about the chapter in the history of the Fraternity should be utilized, and the files of THE SCROLL and *The Palladium*, as well as the annual circular letters, chapter papers, etc., should

be used. Alumni should be asked to clear up obscure points in the narrative; and, as every year death makes fearful havoc in the ranks of our older brothers, this important work should not be delayed. Province presidents, if they induce chapters to follow out the suggestion here made, will perform a most important service to the Fraternity. It has occurred to us that chapters would perhaps be more inclined to publish their histories if an outline for such a work were presented. We therefore offer the following outline, which may be abbreviated, enlarged or otherwise modified according to circumstances. In preparing a history great care should be taken to secure accuracy and dates of all important events should be mentioned.

Chapter One—The Establishment of the Chapter. An account of the formation of the local society which evolved into the chapter, the movement for a charter, bulletins of information issued, the installation exercises and the organization of the chapter.

Chapter Two—Annals of the Chapter. An account of the chapter from the time of its establishment to the present. This may be divided into two or three chapters, covering the early, middle and last periods of the chapter's career. Prominence should be given to the endeavors of members whose work has resulted in advancing the interests of the chapter or of the Fraternity. The names of all delegates to national or province conventions should be included. Notable banquets and other social affairs of the chapter should be recorded. The relations of the chapter to the chapters of other fraternities in the college and to the faculty should be narrated. Among illustrations should be groups of the chapter at different periods.

Chapter Three—Chapter Halls and Houses. The halls and houses that have been rented by the chapter should be described, their exact locations should be specified, and the time during which they were occupied by the chapter should be stated. An account should be furnished of the efforts to accumulate a

building fund and to buy or build a house, and if one has been acquired, it should be described and illustrated.

Chapter Four—College Activities of Members. A record should be given of the participation of members in student enterprises, college journalism, literary societies, debating teams, social clubs, musical and dramatic organizations, athletics etc., with a list of members who have received honors from the college or from the student body.

Chapter Five—Prominent Alumni. A list of members who have become distinguished in their professions, with important positions held, titles of publications of which they were the authors or editors, honorary degrees conferred upon them, learned societies to which they belong, military and naval records, etc. Portraits of prominent members should be given.

Chapter Six—Kinship of Members. A list of members of the chapter who are related to other members of the Fraternity, such as brothers, father and sons, uncles and nephews, and cousins.

Chapter Seven—The Roll of Members. A full list of all members of the chapter arranged by classes, with dates of initiation, all degrees including baccalaureate degrees, occupations and correct addresses.

THIS issue of *THE SCROLL* will find a large number of our alumni clubs and active chapters in the midst of preparations for alumni day (March 15). We confidently expect that the day will be more widely observed this year than ever before. We expect this because we have observed in recent years an increase of interest on the part of our alumni as evidenced by the observance of the day by an increasing number of clubs each year and a participation in these functions by an increasing number of members. We trust that the topics assigned for discussion at these gatherings will be duly presented and that many inspiring addresses may be delivered to the assembled. This. We recommend that clubs also consider the suggestion of

Brother Palmer that an additional date be set aside for alumni meetings so that the older brothers may have two days each year for general celebration. We hope that all clubs will take note of the national convention to be held at Niagara Falls, August 8 to 13 next and, in addition to providing for delegates and alternates, urge as many of their members as find it possible, to go as visitors. Finally we request that reporters of alumni clubs send to the editor, for publication, reports of meetings, giving details of general interest. Reporters are requested to submit manuscript or stenographic reports of unusually meritorious speeches delivered at these annual meetings.

FEBRUARY is a busy month for the officers of our active chapters. In most of the colleges where Phi Delta Theta has chapters mid-year examinations are held in February and almost all activities of college life are suspended while the cramming process goes forward. Yet in the first few days of February the treasurer of the general council, the historian of the general council, the editor of the annual letters and finally the editor of *THE SCROLL*, each has something coming from the officers of each and every chapter. The heaviest part of the fraternity work falls upon the chapter reporter and it is simple justice to say that our chapter reporters have throughout this college year, almost without exception, met and discharged faithfully and even promptly the duties imposed upon them by their office. We are proud of our corps of reporters and would like to take each one of them by the hand and thank them for their earnest and intelligent co-operation during the year now more than half complete.

FOR the second time this collegiate year we are able to present letters from each and every one of our seventy-two chapters. We are proud of this record and we doubt if it can be duplicated by any other fraternity. Now let us resolve to end the year right by having letters from all chapters in the May *SCROLL*.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE

Reporters are requested to forward chapter letters on the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication.

Please study to make letters terse. Facts which show the progress of the institution should be recorded, but chapter news, rather than ordinary college news, is desired. Kindly omit mention of changes among professors and of athletic events unless members of Phi Delta Theta are concerned. Letters. Begin and end letters as they appear below. Write on only one side of the paper.

The Editor will appreciate the loan of cuts of college views or of chapter groups or houses. Plates should be properly marked and should be mailed or expressed to THE SCROLL, care of the George Banta Publishing Company, Menasha, Wis., and prints from them or a list of them sent to the Editor. Plates larger than 4 by 7 inches, in either dimensions, cannot be used.

Photographs of parties or scenes which would make interesting illustrations will be very acceptable.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

In class football the seniors were defeated by the juniors, 5 to 0, and the freshmen lost to the sophomores 11 to 0. This leaves the juniors and sophomores to fight for the championship of the school. We were represented on the freshman team by Brothers White and Guice.

The Blackfriars, the dramatic club of the university will soon present "Twelfth Night." Brother Johns is in the cast.

Brother Moody, '12, has been appointed on the *Corolla board* for this year.

We are comfortably quartered in our new chapter house and will be glad to have any visiting Phis call on us. MERRILL E. PRATT.

University, February 8, 1910.

ALABAMA BETA, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

The near approach of second mid-term examinations has caused every one to settle down to hard work. The reaction, however, takes place next week, when the customary "22nd" dances will be given, beginning the evening of February 18 and ending the 22nd proper. This season there will be six dances given by the different classes. The Thendara dance will be led by Brother M. Lothrop, the senior dance by Brother Carter, and the junior by Brother Wright.

Our basketball team has lost but one college game so far this season, and has made good showings against the other teams, twice defeating the Bessemer Athletic Club, holding the Birmingham A. C. to the close score of 34 to 32, and playing a good game against Atlanta A. C. and Columbus. Brother Goody, captain of this year's squad, is considered one of the best forwards in the South and is upholding his reputation, being the star in every game played this year.

The chapter was recently visited by Brothers Binion and Hogg of Georgia Gamma, who came to Auburn with the Mercer basketball team. Auburn, February 7, 1910. W. W. ALEXANDER.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Since our last letter California Alpha has initiated three men, Earl H. Markwart, brother of Arthur Markwart, '03; Heath Angelo, '13, of Alameda and William Gardiner, '13, brother of Percy Gardiner, who is at present in Everett.

Track is the great question of the day. California Alpha will be

represented by Roy Cowles, '09, who so ably captained the team last year. Plans are on foot by which the present track is to be brought into a suitable condition to hold spring meets. The bleachers are to be moved back on one side and Strawberry Creek is to be bridged on one end, thus greatly reducing the curve and at the same time providing room enough for a 220 straight-away.

In view of the fact that rowing has been removed from the roll of intercollegiate sports three of our men, who have already won their letter in the sport, will be deprived of the honor of representing California next May. Some endeavor is being made to retain rowing for class crews are being formed and it is the intention of the club to get several races with the clubs about the bay.

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the university is to be held next May during senior week. The various classes are to hold reunions in accordance with the plans of the committee in charge. It is expected that many of our alumni will take this opportunity to drop in and pay that intended call which has no doubt been on their minds for some time.

Brother Richard Montgomery, '11, has been chosen delegate to the national convention and Warren Pauly, '13, and Walter Schroeder, '10, as first and second alternate respectively. John Hartigan, '10, has one of the leading parts in "Nero," a drama by Stephen Phillips, which will be presented some time in April in the Greek theatre. George Dillingham was recently elected vice-president of the mining association. Our freshmen are pretty busy in their several activities but it will be time enough to mention their names after they make good.

Berkeley, February 10, 1910.

IRVING G. MARKWART.

CALIFORNIA BETA, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Stanford University opened January 11 for the second semester's work. Due to inferior scholarship last semester forty-two students were requested to withdraw from the university for good while forty-seven were placed on strict probation. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ again experienced good fortune in that none of the chapter were requested to leave college. However the chapter deeply regretted the loss of Brother Fisk through graduation, and Brothers C. H. Hails and McQuiston, who have retired from college. We welcome the return to the active chapter of Brothers Sobey and R. R. Hails. The chapter also takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother Gilbert Lafayette Shaul, Jr., '13 of San Diego, Cal.

Spring athletics have begun and the prospects for a successful season are very good. There is an abundance of good track material. The freshman track squad looks especially promising. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is represented on the squad by Brothers King, T. Sanborn, Hammon, Price and Thoburn. Only two of last year's baseball veterans are in college but from the showing of games already played Stanford bids fair to have a winning team. Brothers Cochran and Childs are on the 'varsity squad and Brothers Langfitt and Carrahen are trying out for positions. Since the executive committee of the student body has dropped rowing as an intercollegiate sport the Stanford boating club has been organized to advance the interests of that branch of athletics. It is hoped that a large enough organization will be formed to successfully finance boating. The University of California has dropped its crew but races

will be held with the crews of different San Francisco athletic clubs and perhaps with the University of Washington. Brother Hails is trying out for the crew and Brother Roberts is assisting on the coaching staff. In tennis Stanford will be represented by Brother Morgan who holds the title of interclass champion. Brothers Langfitt and Shaul are also trying out.

Brother T. Sanborn has been elected on the executive committee of the student body and Brother Nunan has been made associate editor of *The Chapparal*, comic paper, and has been made a member of Hammer and Coffin. Brother Cochran has been appointed on the senior prom committee and Brothers Langfitt and Morgan have been elected secretary and treasurer respectively of the tennis club. Brother Roberts has been elected a member of the economics club and Brother Halliday, of the geology and mining society.

Stanford University, February 3, 1910.

BEN F. WADE..

COLORADO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

The second semester has started and everybody is hard at work on the last half of the year. Colorado was fortunate in having no men fail to make their required credits, although we regret losing Brother Wilson who has gone to the University of Missouri where he intends to enter upon an agricultural course.

Last week was junior week and many social functions took place, including the junior banquet Thursday night, the junior prom Friday night and the dramatic club play on the same evening. The play which was presented was "The Times" and Brother Fairley, who took the comedian's part, was declared by all who were present to have been easily the star of the cast.

Basketball is occupying the athletic stage at the present time and Brother Hamsher is a member of the 'varsity squad. The interfraternity league series of games has been played but Colorado Alpha was not successful in winning the cup this year.

Colorado Alpha has decided to entertain the sororities in the university according to the order of their founding and has already entertained two of them.

As an aid to producing the proper amount of humility in the freshman mind and to preserve the rules respecting freshman conduct on the campus the student board of control has appointed a body of students to act as campus policemen. Brothers Bowler and Pigg are members of this force and report that the rules are being strictly enforced.

Boulder, February 8, 1910.

C. ERNEST HILL.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

The chapter has just initiated Wm. K. Meadow, of Elberton, and takes pleasure in announcing the fact.

The university students are now much interested in the work on our new athletic field, which promises to be one of the best in the South. It is situated in the center of our 987 acre campus and very near the site of our new Y. M. C. A. building, so it is very conveniently located. Through the kindness of the city Y. M. C. A. authorities the university basketball team has been playing in their gymnasium. We had our first game of the season on the 4th with Auburn. The result was 35

to 40 in our favor. Brother E. V. Carter, the intercollegiate tennis champion, is on the team and playing guard in excellent form.

For the past two weeks the underclassmen have been watching each other with great vigilance for it was banquet time. The sophomores made the first attempt and having assembled marched unseen to their would-be banquet hall which was a large clean store room below a new city stable. Here they feasted undisturbed (except by the mules above). After the banquet they marched around town. This brought the freshmen leaders together to outwit the sophomores. They decided to have their banquet out of town at Watkinsville a little country town not far away. However the news got into the sophomore camp and on the appointed day the sophomores succeeded in capturing the freshman president and so the freshmen held their banquet without their president.

Athens, February 8, 1910.

W.M. J. NORTHEN, JR.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

With the opening of the spring term Emory increased her students by a good number and Georgia Beta has added to her ranks Brother Benjamin Willingham, '13, of Macon.

The basketball teams have been selected and among the brothers who have won positions are Geo. W. Wight, '10, manager; S. V. Stiles, '10, T. B. Christian, '11; G. E. Clay, '10.

The regular annual senior banquet was held at the New Kimball in Atlanta February 7. Among the speakers of the occasion was Brother Clay who gave a good talk on "Athletic Retrospect."

On the glee club and orchestra we are represented by Brothers J. S. Branham, manager; E. H. Green; P. H. Christian.

Brother J. B. Scales, '10, of Atlanta failed to return this term but with this exception we have the complete chapter ready to begin the spring term campaign.

P. H. CHRISTIAN.

Oxford, February 9, 1910.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

The changes subsequent to the holidays affected our number by one. Brother R. C. Griffith withdrew from college to accept the position of cashier of the Danielsville Bank. We now number 21.

An event of interest and pleasure since our last letter was a Pan-Hellenic smoker given by the K Σ chapter. All the Greeks in college were present and a genuine fraternal spirit characterized the occasion. We have no Pan-Hellenic council at Mercer and hardly feel that one is necessary for the inter-fraternity relations have always been pleasant.

Baseball practice has begun and the squad is unusually large and promising. Φ Δ Θ is well represented and we feel sure that when the final nine is selected several brothers will be in the number.

Last month Brother Munro Lanier, our province president, paid us a visit and in spite of his official capacity and dignity we found him a genial, jolly Phi. He gave us a very interesting address. It was his first visit to us. He stated his attitude and policy as president and we most heartily approve his interest. We profited by his suggestions and we know that his visits from time to time will prove beneficial.

Macon, February 11, 1910.

N. F. WILLIAMSON.

GEORGIA DELTA, GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

Since our last letter Brother Shingler has left us for a term at Eastern Business College; Brother Stovall goes to Riverside and Brother Reynolds has left school for this year. Brothers Stovall and Shingler will probably return to us in the fall.

On February 3 we enjoyed a visit from our new province president, Brother Lanier. He is well known to most of us and we feel sure that no one is better fitted for his work.

Mid-year exams have just been completed much to our relief as exams at Tech. are unusually hard. The whole chapter was successful this time, however, and is working hard on the spring term.

Brother Thompson has been selected as our delegate to the national convention and Brother Mobley alternate. Several of the brothers have expressed their intention of going so we hope to have a large representation from Georgia Delta and one that can make a good report.

Baseball practice started immediately after exams and the prospects for a good team are the best in several years. An excellent schedule has been arranged, so the outlook for a successful season is excellent. Georgia Delta will probably have five men on the team this spring. They are Brothers Armistead, Buchanan and Holland of last year's team, and Brothers Wilson and N. L. Thompson, two prep school stars of last year who are very sure of a place.

G. S. JONES.

Atlanta, February 9, 1910.

IDAHO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO.

The first of February finds Idaho in the midst of the first semester exams, which we pulled through with an excellent record. Many new courses are offered in the various departments, particularly in literature.

During the Christmas holidays the basketball team made a trip through the southwestern part of the state. Games were played with the College of Idaho and the Caldwell professionals, both of Caldwell, the Emmett Tigers and the Boise high school. All of these games were won by an easy margin.

Two conference games have been played, both with Washington State College. Both games were lost but the score does not show how close they were played. Brother Montgomery has played at center in all of the games played; many of the papers in the northwest have declared him to be the fastest man on any of the gymnasium floors. Games will be played during the month of February with Whitman College, University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College and University of Washington. The baseball squad has begun practice in the gymnasium, about thirty men turning out for practice. An excellent schedule has been prepared.

Brother Montgomery was elected by the student body to represent Idaho at the annual meeting of the Northwest intercollegiate conference held in Portland, Ore., February 5. On account of a basketball game he was unable to go, Brother Fenn being sent in his place. This victory meant much for Idaho Alpha. It plainly showed the high esteem with which this chapter is regarded by the student body.

Since the first of the year many parties have been given. Idaho Alpha entertained with a sleigh ride to Joel followed by a dance and a supper. Shortly afterward we entertained the members of the new $\Gamma\Phi B$ sorority with a mock initiation into "Canna Fly Bita." Secret grips,

mottoes and passwords were invented and after the initiates were declared members an initiation banquet was held. The affair was pronounced very successful by all who were present. The B Σ sorority was entertained Valentines day at cards.

The military ball was held in the gymnasium February 11. It is considered about the swellest affair of the season, many coming from Lewiston and Spokane for this dance.

The Moscow Alumni Club is preparing to act in conjunction with the local chapter for a banquet to be held on alumni day. The club recently visited the chapter house for the purpose of hanging their new charter.

JAMES B. HAYS.

Moscow, February 15, 1910.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The mid-year examinations have just ended. The second semester begins February 14.

Since our last letter we have pledged two men. Eight Phikeias will be initiated in a few weeks. We can not initiate until the second semester owing to a faculty ruling which requires that before any student can become a member of a fraternity he must obtain ten hours of college credit. This requirement has been met by all our pledges.

Indoor track is fairly on. March 12 we meet the University of Indiana in a dual track meet on our grounds. Later in the year an innovation in track circles will be an indoor conference track meet held in the Patten gymnasium. Our track team is showing up in good style and much more is expected of it for the spring meets.

The freshman basketball team has been showing up brilliantly but the 'varsity team has proved to be a disappointment. The inter-class championship in basketball was won by the sophomores, the second year men having gone through the season without having lost a single game.

This year there has been organized an interfraternity track and basketball league. Φ Δ Θ expects to make a good showing in track, but we do not expect much of our basketball team. Brother Schaffer captain of the 'varsity track team, Brother Pettibone captain of the strong freshman team of last year and Brothers Moulton and Jefferson are counted on as sure point winners.

On February 21 the North Shore Alumni Club of Φ Δ Θ will give an informal at Rogers Park Hall in Chicago.

The social situation has been satisfactorily settled. Much credit is due the fraternity council for settling this difficulty. The students are also to be commended for backing the council in its difficulty with the faculty.

EVANSTON, February 10, 1910.

ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Illinois Beta takes great pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity Brothers Truman Plantz, Jr., of Warsaw and Robert Gartner Beck of Goshen, Ind. As a result of the rushing this quarter we have pledged two men.

On the evening of January 21 our alumni entertained us with a smoker at the chapter house. A large number were present and plans for the advancement of the Fraternity's interests in the university were

most enthusiastically discussed. We are planning to have several more of these informal gatherings before the end of the year.

The excavation for the new library was begun last month and the work is rapidly progressing. It is hoped that the corner-stone laying may be the feature of the June convocation and that the building will be ready for occupancy in eighteen months.

The out-look for another championship in basketball is very good for we have won every game up to this time.

Chicago, February 9, 1910.

LYMAN K. GOULD.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

February 1 was registration day for the second semester. The classes are squaring away for the class plays to be given this spring, the latter half of the basketball schedule is under way and the baseball and track men are taking work-outs in the gym.

Brothers Lewis Lillie and Harry Aldrich are in the cast for the senior class play, "The Crisis." Brothers James Fuller and Robert Johnson have been chosen for places on the junior play and Brother Marvin Meacham is managing the play for the sophomores.

The basketball team, led by Brother Harry Aldrich, has made a very creditable showing throughout the first half of the schedule and is in the running for state championship honors. In the Knox-Lombard game, played at Knox the latter part of January, seven of the brothers played. Four from Illinois Zeta with Lombard and three from Illinois Delta.

The prospects for a good baseball team this spring are of the best. Brother Noble is captain of the team and Brothers Lillie, Booth and Aldrich, who played last year, will probably take three of the infield positions.

Since the last publication of *THE SCROLL*, Illinois Delta has initiated Ernest Wood, '13, of Galesburg and Isaac Pratt, '13, of Roseville. One man has been pledged.

J. KARL ALDRICH.

Galesburg, February 8, 1910.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD COLLEGE.

Since our last letter Illinois Zeta has initiated four men and we take pleasure in introducing the following new brothers: George M. Webster, '13, and Pierce Webster, '13, of Galesburg; Myron T. Valding, '13, and Leland C. Leeper, '13, of Waterloo, Iowa. We still have two pledges.

The football men have been awarded their "I's" and Brothers Radcliffe, Claycomb, McLeish and Chapman and Phikeia Buck were among the number who won the coveted letter. It now looks as though a Phi would captain the team this fall.

March 4 has been selected as the date of our annual chapter promenade and most of the interest of the chapter is now centered in our biggest social affair of the year. We have secured Elks Hall, the newest and finest hall in the city and this with an excellent orchestra and other features promises to make our 1910 party the most successful in the history of the chapter.

At a recent student election Brother Cropper was elected manager of the 1910 football team and Brother Brumfiel president of the athletic association. Brother Frederick Webster, who is captain of the basketball squad, has piloted the team through a successful season. Illinois Zeta is well represented on the team, Brothers F. Webster, George

Webster, Chapman and Phikeia Brigham holding down regular berths.

During the past month several of the old members of the chapter have paid us visits. Among the number were Brothers Walter T. Hughes, Cunningham and George L. Ross.

GEO. F. CLAYCOMB.

Galesburg, February 13, 1910.

ILLINOIS ETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

With the opening of the second semester Illinois Eta's chapter roll includes twenty-nine members. The return of Brothers Watson, Lamborn, Mohr and Rathburn, and the affiliation of Brother Estep of Washington Alpha, and the untimely withdrawal of Brothers Parker, Dazey and Morris, are among the changes in the personnel of the chapter since the last letter. Brother Morris was forced to leave during examinations by the serious illness of members of his family. Brother Lamborn suffered a severe attack of appendicitis in December and survived only after a game fight.

The chapter has proven very active in affairs around school as is evidenced by the political and athletic successes. Brother Watson was appointed senior smoker chairman; Brother Aleshire member of junior prom committee; Brother Way junior smoker chairman; Brother Aleshire lieutenant, and Brothers Green and Lamborn, sergeants, were elected members of the cadet hop committee, the latter being treasurer. Brothers Conrad and Way are on the *Daily Illini* staff and Brother Way is on the *Illio* staff.

In class athletics Brother Meek played on the senior team, Brother Hansel on the championship sophomore team and Brothers Orcutt of Illinois Delta and Kingsbury of Indiana Gamma on the junior team, which was coached by Brother Way.

On the freshman-varisty teams were: football, Brothers Yeager, Woolston, Green and Overstreet; basketball, Cortes and Woolston; track, Stephens and Cortis; baseball, Brother Essick of Illinois Delta (whose brother is with Cincinnati) is on the squad with a good chance for a regular berth.

Brother Watson who was Western all-star forward in basketball last season has returned and resumed his position, and the team although defeated by Chicago is still in the fight for the blue ribbon.

At the monster Illinois Union banquet, held in the Armory January 15, which was attended by every fraternity and club in school en masse, over seven hundred sat down and listened to the plans for erecting a union building. Brother Dean Greene of the college of literature and arts spoke very convincingly of the faculty backing to the movement. Brother Aleshire is a member of the Illinois Union council.

At present plans are well under way for the sixteenth annual formal celebrating the installation of Illinois Eta. A three-day house-party is to be held in conjunction with the dance.

Brother Stebbins, professor of astronomy has lately received recognition for his successful research work with the Selenium photometer. He was granted a substantial sum of money by an Eastern society in order to continue his work.

CLYDE L. WAY.

Champaign, February 10, 1910.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The smoker which we had planned for February 11 has been postponed because of the inability of several of our alumni to attend. This smoker has for its purpose the meeting of alumni and the active members to agitate plans for a new chapter house. One plan has already been suggested but such a meeting would bring out new and valuable ideas. We hope to have all our town alumni and some from the near-by places present.

The bridge tournament among the various fraternities has been progressing with a great deal of spirit. So far $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, led by Brothers Foland and Sharp, ranks second. Great interest is being shown by all the fraternities as valuable cups will be given to the team having the highest and next highest number of points.

The new science building is rapidly nearing completion. It satisfies a long felt want as it will relieve the crowded condition of both Wylie and Kirkwood Halls.

Since our last letter we have pledged two men.

The basketball season has not so far been much of a success although it is much better than last year. So far we have won four games and lost three but of the four games won only one was a conference game. We succeeded in defeating Wisconsin by the score of 13-11. It was the best game ever seen on the local floor. Indiana Alpha is represented by Brother Hipskind at forward.

We enjoyed a visit last week from Brother Elmer Davis of Indiana Delta, who succeeded in capturing the Rhodes scholarship.

Brother Cronk and Phikeia Golf have lately been initiated into the honorary law fraternity, $\Phi\Delta\Phi$, and Brothers Marshall and Freeland into the medical fraternity $\Phi P\Sigma$. HOMER HIPSKIND.

Bloomington, February 9, 1910

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

Since the last letter to THE SCROLL, Indiana Beta has suffered the loss of Brothers Shirly Deming, '11 and George Long, '12; the former having retired from college to go into business and the latter having entered Illinois University to study pharmacy. This is a distinct loss to the chapter and the absence of the two brothers is felt most keenly. Brother Deming was very active in all college affairs, particularly in athletics. He was captain of the track team last season and was captain-elect for the season of 1910, besides holding the Indiana and Ohio State records for the quarter-mile.

The dual debate with DePauw, which occurs March 11, is exciting great interest. The question to be debated is "Resolved that the laboring classes of the United States would advance their best interest by organizing themselves in a separate political party." Brother DeVore represents the chapter, being captain of the affirmative team.

Brother Hinkle C. Hays, '12, drew fifth place in the State Oratorical held at Indianapolis, February 4, 1910. He made a very creditable showing and, as he is a sophomore, his chances for landing the coveted honor before he finishes his college course are very flattering.

The glee club has been selected and Indiana Beta is represented by Brothers Johnson, '11, and Spohn, '13. There is great rivalry for places in this organization as it makes quite an extended trip during the spring vacation.

Brother Elston Elliot, '12, made quite a hit as a specialty man in the "try-out" and he will undoubtedly land the place.

Since the last letter Indiana Beta has had the pleasure of entertaining many visiting Phis and we take this opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to any brother who may be in our city.

Crawfordsville, February 8, 1910.

LAWRENCE E. DEVORE.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER COLLEGE.

Founders day was celebrated here on February 7. In addition to the regular exercises, alumnae and alumni luncheons were held, and in the evening the college dramatic club presented "Esmeralda" in which Brother Adams was leading man. Brother Hamp also had a prominent part.

Indiana Gamma is represented on the basketball team by brothers Thomas, Kingsbury and Adams. While indications do not point to quite so successful a season as last, nevertheless we are confident that at least these three men will not lower the reputation of old Butler or of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.

On February 11 the debate primaries will be held when Brother Conway will speak. Butler debates this year with Miami and Ohio State on the postal savings bank question. This association replaces the triangular league with Wabash and Earlham which was dissolved last year.

The junior class is preparing to give a large prom on February 21. This will be one of the largest social affairs ever given here as nothing in the line of a Pan-Hellenic has ever been given here. Brother Adams is on the committee entrusted with the management of the dance.

The chapter has given several enjoyable parties and dances at which we entertained our fair friends from the college and brothers from other chapters over the state. We are planning to give a large card party soon.

Irvington, February 10, 1910.

LEE MOFFETT.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

The basketball season thus far has been only fairly successful. About half of the schedule has been played and the number of games lost is still in the majority. Brother Ritchie, who is captain of the team, has been able to play in but few games during the season on account of injuries received during the football season and this has had a damaging effect on the work of the team.

Two members of the chapter, Brothers Jones and Brewer, have entered the primary for the peace contest. The state contest is to be held at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, on April 15, next. Brother Jones is at present treasurer of the state oratorical association. Since our last letter we have pledged one man and have initiated Wilbur J. Brewer and N. Clarence Hall of this city.

ARTHUR C. BROWN.

Franklin, February 10, 1910.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

The present chapter's proverbial horse shoe seems to be with us still and our spiking success continues. We held another initiation on January 27 and now introduce to the Fraternity our latest initiate, Carey Ryker MacDonnell, of Windsor, Mo. Brother MacDonnell's mother

was one of the three charter members of $\Delta\Gamma$, established here at Hanover.

Hanover's basketball team is making a splendid record this year having defeated Indiana State Normal, Butler and Kentucky State by large scores. Brother Nowlin, captain of the team, is largely responsible for the success of the five and Brother Reynolds, sub-guard, has shown up well when he was given an opportunity.

A very pleasing little function was given by the chapter late in December in honor of Brother MacDill, who was our guest during a part of the vacation. It was in the nature of a dance at the hall and was carried off very successfully.

Brother Almond has been elected chairman of the Pan-Hellenic committee, an organization to promote Greek gatherings throughout the year. Their first big dance will be given in the gymnasium on the night of February 22 and a Washington's birthday affair will be made of it.

Hanover, February 10, 1910.

JAMES E. ALMOND.

INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

We are sorry to announce the withdrawal from college of Brothers Bodley Dicks, '10, Francis Moore, '11, and Albert Becker, '13. We have initiated Brothers Arthur Leazenby and George Cook and we now have a total active membership of twenty-eight.

Brother Scott Brewer has made the debate team and Brother Chester Lawrence has been elected to a place on the student council of the university, succeeding Brother Dicks, withdrawn. Brother Edwin Thomas has succeeded Brother Moor on the *Mirage* board. In our recent indoor track meet with Purdue, DePauw was badly defeated. Brother Grady (captain) scored eight of the thirteen points registered by the Methodists.

In basketball DePauw has been showing up well. Several decisive victories have been registered of late and the look-in to the secondary championship of the state is good.

The chapter has enjoyed visits from Brothers Threlkeld of Kentucky State and Roy Edwards of Wabash.

EDWIN THOMAS.

Greencastle, February 15, 1910.

INDIANA THETA, PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

The first semester closed January 29, and just at present most of Indiana Theta's members are recovering from the strain that usually accompanies the close of a term. Brothers J. C. Shelley, '11, G. G. Fetter, Jr., '11 and M. G. Sackett, '12, have quit school and will be greatly missed by the whole chapter. With the exception of the loss of these men Indiana Theta is in fine shape. The new house is nearly finished and we expect to move into it in a couple of weeks. The official opening has been set for March 19, which is the first Saturday after alumni day, and we hope that all Phis that can possibly be here will attend.

The Harlequin club, the school dramatic organization, has started its rehearsals for "The City Chap," a play written by George Ade, which will be produced about the last of March. Many of the brothers are in the cast and chorus. Brother L. R. Wilder is manager and Brother R. B. Howland is assistant manager.

We have recently affiliated R. R. Tomlinson, '13, from Fairland, who has been a member of Tennessee Alpha and Indiana Gamma. Brothers C. C. Ditmar and Thomas Overstreet, both of Franklin, are

staying with us attending the short agricultural course here at Purdue.

We have had the pleasure of entertaining several visiting Phis lately and earnestly hope all brothers passing through Lafayette will pay us a visit.

DYER BUTTERFIELD.

West Lafayette, February 10, 1910.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The progressive program adopted at the beginning of the year by Iowa Wesleyan is being carefully adhered to. The state board of education has renewed the rank of the college as in class A, and after the endowment campaign, which is near completion, a building and improvement movement will be taken up.

This prosperity is not that of the university alone but is better establishing the chapter, thus stimulated from without and with a large bunch of four year men, who are making good in every sense a greater Iowa Alpha is to be anticipated.

The academy will be completely separated from the university with a distinct faculty and the course of study extended to four years.

Brother J. W. Edwards of the faculty will soon be the occupant of a new residence which he is erecting on East Madison Street.

The chapter recently enjoyed visits from Brothers F. R. Cowles, vice-president of Zeta Province, Fee and Wishard of Iowa Beta.

Mt. Pleasant, February 9, 1910.

C. E. SMITH.

IOWA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The attention of all members of this chapter is now centered upon the plans for our alumni day banquet which we expect to be one of the most successful affairs of the kind which we have ever attempted. We have made arrangements to secure the beautiful French dining room of the Burkley Imperial Hotel for the occasion and are already receiving assurance from alumni of their presence on the evening of March 15.

A committee composed of former newspaper men who are now members of the active chapter is now engaged in preparing for publication the first issue of the *Blast*, which is to be the official organ of the chapter. Copies will be sent to all alumni of Iowa Beta and to each active chapter of the Fraternity.

Basketball now holds the center of the stage in Iowa athletics. The university five has won three games in Iowa and is thus the logical candidate for the state championship. Brother J. R. Murphy is a member of the winning Hawkeye five.

Iowa's new \$135,000 law building has been completed and is now ready for occupancy. It will be officially dedicated February 22, and the chapter is expecting many of the alumni who are graduates of the Iowa law school to be with us at that time.

HORACE C. YOUNG.

Iowa City, February 9, 1910.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

We are pleased to introduce to the Fraternity Brother Gilbert H. Frith, '12 from Emporia and to report one new Phikeia.

The basketball squad has been thus far a winning team and the glee club is now on a weeks concert tour over eastern and central Kansas. For the future, the indoor track meet with Missouri, scheduled to occur

at Kansas City about the middle of March, is the next event of especial interest.

On January 14 the chapter held a most successful annual party (or rather biennial as the custom is at this university); and our annual "Matinee Mess" is scheduled to occur next Saturday. Elaborate preparations are now being made for it. For those who may not understand we may explain that the Matinee Mess is designed primarily as an annual day of festivity when alumni may return for renewal of acquaintances and indulgence in unlimited enjoyment. The afternoon and evening are devoted to dancing and at the proper time an elaborate dinner is served. It is strictly an affair for Phis and the ladies.

Considerable uneasiness is felt here as a result of a recent ruling of the regents of the university prohibiting the playing of football here until the Missouri Valley conference rules are revised. The final outcome of the affair is as yet doubtful.

Other matters which have come up have led some to believe that fraternities are in a precarious position indeed. Apprehension is felt that before long a long time rushing rule of some kind may be expected and perhaps even more serious difficulties may develop.

Lawrence, February 10, 1910.

CHAS. J. ROBINSON.

KENTUCKY ALPHA-DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

Central is right in the midst of her basketball season which so far has proven exceptionally successful. Our team is far superior to any other in the state and the state championship is already recognized as ours. We play Vanderbilt here on February 22 and if this game proves a victory for us we will be in line for the championship of the South.

The annual twenty-second dance held February 18 proved a success notwithstanding the inclement weather and poorly heated building. There was a jolly bunch of visitors to attend this annual celebration including two alumni of Kentucky Alpha-Delta, Brothers Gill, '05, and Triplett, '07. Brother Gill, living rather near, shows up every now and then but this is the first visit that Brother Triplett has made us since his graduation. He is a rising young lawyer having been in the employ of the government as assistant prosecuting attorney for more than a year and now successfully practicing in his home town, Owensboro, Ky. Brother Triplett as an active member was an efficient worker and he has proven no less so since becoming an alumnus.

We have two Phikeias who are to be initiated on their entrance into college next fall.

In concluding Kentucky Alpha-Delta extends a hearty invitation to all Phis to attend our carnival in May. Wm. C. ANDERSON.

Danville, February 19, 1910.

KENTUCKY EPSILON, KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter two men have been initiated: Edwards of Versailles, and McDowell of LaGrange. This brings the chapter roll up to sixteen, the largest chapter that Kentucky Epsilon has had for several years. Although the university roll does not contain as many names as last year the freshman class is exceedingly strong and we have every reason to hope that under the direction of the new president who assumes his duties at the opening of the university next fall, we will see the school in a more prosperous condition than ever before.

Due to the action of the Pan-Hellenic council steps have been taken towards regulating fraternity activities in university life. Their suggestions have been heartily endorsed by every chapter and a better inter-fraternity spirit has arisen than has ever before existed.

Kentucky Epsilon has enjoyed a visit from our new province president, Brother Manier. He arrived last Friday and gave us a lengthy talk on the plans which the general council has proposed for the benefit of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.

Brothers Barbee (captain), Threlkeld, J. B. Shelby and Bryan Shanklin represented us on State's championship football team. Brother Threlkeld, captain of the track team, is working hard with his men in preparation for a heavy track team. **SHELBY SHANKLIN.**

Lexington, February 25, 1910.

LOUISIANA ALPHA, TULANE UNIVERSITY.

The Theta Province convention was held in New Orleans February 7 and 8. All the chapters of the province were represented. The convention was more of a pleasure gathering than a business affair. Many interesting speeches were made and opinions expressed on various subjects. "The merits of the chapter without a house" was discussed at great length. Every man reported a splendid time during the convention and carnival holidays and we are now settling down for the work of the second term.

The basketball team has just completed a very successful season. Tennis will be the next thing to occupy our attention. The $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ trophy, of which ΣX has one leg will be played for again this year and all the fraternities at Tulane are looking forward to a very interesting tournament. The A. A. U. meet to be held in New Orleans this coming September will be held on the campus and a splendid athletic field will be laid out for the purpose. This will be a great help to athletics at Tulane. When completed this field will be the best of its kind in the South. The prospects for a successful football season for next year are exceptionally bright. Brother James Fortier has been elected manager of the team and games with the best teams in the S. I. A. A. have already been arranged. Brother Fortier is doing his best to engineer Tulane back into the S. I. A. A. This is conceded to be for the best advantage of athletics at Tulane and we are confident that he will be successful.

New Orleans, February 11, 1910. **MICHEL BECNEL PROVOSTY.**

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY COLLEGE.

Colby is just now enduring the throes of the mid-year examinations and everyone in college is burning more midnight oil than the Standard can hope to supply for some time to come.

One new man has been initiated, Francis D. Nardini, '13, of Concord, N. H. Brother Carpenter, ex-'12, will return at the beginning of the second semester and Brother Kimball, '13, has left college.

We shall send a relay team to the B. A. A. indoor track meet in Boston, February 12, and $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is represented by Brother Frohock '13. We shall run against Bates and every indication is that we shall win. Baseball practice in the cage will begin in earnest as soon as the examinations are over. Under the able leadership of Coach McGraw and Brother Cary, (captain) a winning team is being looked for. Coach Thompson will also start track work soon. He says that he has the best material that he has had since he came to Colby.

Preparations will soon be commenced for holding our annual reception at the new chapter house directly after the beginning of the semester.

We expect to send a good delegation to the Alpha Province convention at Montreal and hope all the other chapters will do likewise.

Waterville, February 9, 1910.

CROWELL E. PRASE.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

The beginning of a new semester witnesses several changes in the chapter. Brothers Gore, '10, Ryan, '10, and Stephens, '13, have withdrawn from college, Brother Gore to enter business, and Brother Stephens to enter the school of finance at University of Pennsylvania. Brother Ryan has completed his course and will return in June to graduate with his class. Brother Meeker, '09, has returned to college and expects to remain with us the rest of the year.

The chapter room in the basement of the house has recently been finished off, a concrete floor laid and the stairway put in as a gift to the chapter from the sophomore delegation. Today four brothers are leaving for the Alpha Province convention in Montreal expecting to return Saturday.

During the past two months the chapter has been well represented in the various college activities. On December 16 Brother La Monte's debating teams defeated Amherst in Williamston and Wesleyan at Middletown thereby winning the championship of the Triangular debating league for Williams. On December 16 Brother Fisher was elected managing editor, and Brother Lester, business manager of the *Record* to succeed to office on the second Thursday in March. Brother Starrett has been elected business manager of the *Lit.* and is at present acting in that capacity.

The basketball team, of which Brother Lambie is captain, has so far a clean slate, having played five games winning them all. Worcester Tech. was defeated 48-10; Dartmouth 23-21; Yale 27-10; Brown 45-14 and Tufts 26-12. The hockey team has defeated Princeton, the inter-collegiate champions, the Louden Field Club of Albany twice, M. A. C. and R. P. I., but lost to Amherst February 12 at Amherst owing chiefly to lack of practice. Brother Van Gorder has played center on the team in all games.

The class relay races were run off January 27 resulting in victories for 1911 and 1912. Brother Alexander ran for the seniors and Brothers Starrett and Lester for the juniors. By completing the schedule of six games without a defeat the seniors won the inter-class basketball championship, the juniors finishing second and the sophomores and freshmen tieing for third place.

The relay team opened its season at the B. A. A. meet in Boston February 12 by defeating Wesleyan. The team is also entered in meets at Troy February 22 and in New York March 12. Brothers Alexander and Lester are running on the team.

J. D. LESTER.

Williamstown, February 16, 1910.

MASSACHUSETTS BETA, AMHERST COLLEGE.

The long tedious winter period has been on since our last letter. A long vacation at Christmas only made the contrast more marked when the chapter met again. The smaller outside activities in college jumped to the fore and have been prospering till the examination week just

passed dropped off the best athletes. The landslide of "conditions" has well nigh destroyed the personnel of the teams. It brings to mind with telling force the conviction that athletics is subordinated for all time to scholastic work in Amherst.

With a bad record behind us for last season Amherst in football looks forward to a bright one. A revolution in antiquated coaching methods is a guarantee that comes with the selection of Yale's All-American tackle Henry H. Hobbs, '10, as coach.

Baseball has already started and the team will be formed around Brother McClure, '10, whose brilliant record last season placed him at the head of college pitchers. Brother Vernon, '12, will also pitch again this year. On April first the nine goes South on its third ante-season trip. Until then only the batteries are at work.

We lose several brothers at this writing—R. P. Smith, '11, who goes to New York for an operation, R. B. Alling, '10, who goes into business and Brother Mabry, '13.

GEORGE L. TREADWELL.

Amherst, February 9, 1910.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Michigan Alpha is in the midst of a very strenuous season. The first semester closes February 10 and for the past two weeks we have been busily engaged in taking examinations. Have been having a perfectly delightful time!

Brother Newett took his last examination in the university last week and left with his diploma for his home in Ishpeming. His future work is undecided. Brother Smith left the university during the Christmas holidays to accept a good position offered him in Three Rivers.

Our social event of the year, the junior hop, takes place February 11. Brother Goetz is our representative. We will entertain eighteen guests at a house party beginning Friday afternoon and ending Monday morning after the hop.

Our annual alumni banquet will be held the evening of March 19. We will be glad to welcome any Phis who may be able to be with us.

Our musical clubs had a very profitable trip during the vacation period. They gave concerts in Grand Rapids, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Omaha, Kansas City and Dubuque. We were represented by Brothers Kusterer and Hoover on the mandolin club and by Brother Scott on the glee club. They will give their home concert the Saturday night following the hop.

The comedy club of which Brother McConley is a member will give a matinee performance for the benefit of out of town guests who are attending the hop. They will present "The Inspector."

Prospects look bright for baseball and track this spring. Brother Goetz will probably be on the track team. JAS. S. LAWSHE.

Ann Arbor, February 8, 1910.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The junior ball, the biggest society event of the year, has just been held, its success having been materially aided by the presence of a goodly number of Phis, several of whom were assigned to prominent committee positions. The annual military ball will take place immediately after Lent, Φ Δ Θ again being well represented on the committees.

Minnesota's annual fire took place this year at Millard Hall, medical building, with a resultant loss of \$75,000. Several of the brothers have suddenly waxed insolently rich at the expense of the insurance companies as a result of it. Ground will be broken April 1 for the new Elliott hospital to cost \$500,000; the girls' dormitory to cost \$100,000 has been started and the new anatomy building to cost \$200,000 will be started this spring.

There is a strong movement on foot to build a government dam near Fort Snelling a few miles below Minneapolis. This movement is being watched with interest for if it is carried out Minnesota will at last be able to establish a crew on the river.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced in arriving at a satisfactory form of organization for the new interfraternity council which the fraternities have been compelled to form, the main point of contention being the extent of the powers which the council shall have. An interfraternity basketball league has been organized and $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ plays the first game of her schedule this week.

Brother Lisle Johnston, our star half who was injured in the game with Nebraska, has been elected captain of the football team for 1910. Brother Leonard Boyce, after an absence of three years, has returned to Minnesota to finish his course. Brothers Vance and Nelson have been elected to the university commercial club, an upper classman organization. Brother Merrill has been made president of the freshman interfraternity society.

We have two pledges to initiate and we have already placed a half dozen buttons on high school men who will enter next year.

Visiting brothers: Condit, Brown, Ostrum, Confer, Powell, Jenson, Osborne and J. Tryon of Minnesota; J. Lindsey of Wisconsin, A. E. Lawrence, of Iowa and J. Schruth of Chicago.

Minneapolis, February 8, 1910.

O. NORMAN NELSON.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

On February 18 the Sphynx club of this institution is to give by far the most elegant dance that has ever been given at the Oxford Opera House. Out of fifteen active members in Mississippi Alpha we have twelve men who are members of this exclusive club. Brother William Thomas Wynn is president.

The glee club took another trip this month into the towns of the state. They were much better drilled on this trip than on the former and their performances were enjoyable to say the least. Brother Frank Collins Lee is manager of the club, while Brothers Love and McKinney are members. They made quite a hit at the Industrial Institute and College at Columbus, Miss., where they gave two performances. Their itinerary was as follows: Corinth, Booneville, Kosciusko, Columbus and Winona.

The university basketball team has had a very unsuccessful season so far, not seeming to be able to win a single game. They have made two trips, one to University of Louisiana and the other to University of Memphis. But this is not due to any lack of good material,—it is due to the lack of interest in this phase of athletics as it was but recently taken up at this institution. In an election for manager and assistant manager Brother Wynn was elected assistant manager, which gives him the managership for the next session.

We are indeed sorry to report the withdrawal of Brother Robert Gardner, who goes to Lebanon, Tenn., to pursue the study of law. Brother Gardner made the chapter one of the most earnest workers that it contained, and was a most enthusiastic Phi. Brother Abram D. Somerville was elected to membership in the literary fraternity $\Sigma\ T$, just before the Christmas holidays. We are indeed glad to report that Brother Sam J. Foose has returned to the university to continue his course, which he dropped to return home December, 1908. Brother Foose infused new life into the chapter because he is such an enthusiastic and loyal worker for the chapter and general Fraternity.

The chapter began an active interest in its alumni on January 20, when it mailed letters to every alumnus from this chapter and started on the work of getting data concerning the addresses, names and occupation of each of them. We expect to build a chapter house next year and we are trying to stir up an active and wholesome interest in the active chapter.

WILLIAM T. WYNN.

University, February 8, 1910.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

The students and faculty members of this university are very much pleased as a result of the recent decision of President A. Ross Hill to continue as the executive head of Missouri. Dr. Hill had received a flattering call to become president of the University of Minnesota. His answer was awaited by Missourians with considerable trepidation. The whole state was aroused and many telegrams and letters from all over Missouri were sent to him asking him to remain. It is believed here that Dr. Hill will continue to do great work for Missouri.

Missouri Alpha has initiated two men within the last week. They are Warren V. Thompson of Kansas City and Joseph D. Williams of Jackson. We had the misfortune to lose two members of the freshmen class. Brother Richmond Gibson has accepted an appointment to West Point and Brother Culver Smith has retired from school until next September.

The twenty-second annual George Washington dance of this chapter will be given February 22 in the large new dance hall here.

The basketball team is composed of new men this year and Missouri has not enjoyed as great success as usual in this sport.

Our track team is up to standard. We expect to lose the meet with Illinois University but to be victors in all the other other meets in which the track team participates.

J. P. KLEIN.

Columbia, February 10, 1910.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

Missouri Beta has spent an almost uneventful two months. A small informal hop was given recently. Examinations are over and the second term has started in earnest. This is the senior semester for only one of our men, Brother Brady. Brother McKee, who retired from school at Christmas time on account of sickness, is with us again. Brother Haldeman did not return after the holidays and is now in business at La Belle. On February 5 we initiated Selby Cook Richmond of Paris, whose father is an alumnus of this chapter. On February 12 we will initiate Paxon Winsborough of Kansas City.

We have recently been favored with visits from Brother Weymouth a former member of Missouri Beta but now of the Colorado School of Mines and Brother Wilson of Colorado Alpha. JOHN T. READY.

Fulton, February 9, 1910.

MISSOURI GAMMA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Plans have been drawn for an addition to the mechanical engineering laboratory. There is now under construction an extension to the McPherson car line which will make access to the university much easier. Missouri Gamma hopes this convenience will permit many more of her alumni to visit the Saturday night meetings.

Members of the chapter have enjoyed several informal meetings held down town. We hope to establish the custom of as many of the active chapter and alumni as possible meeting alternate Saturday evenings for dinner and a theatre party.

We have pledged two men lately. Brother Eliot has been elected to the dramatic club, Thyrus, and will take part in the annual play to be given in March. Phikeia Price is also a member. Brother Conzelman and Phikeia Blatterman are members of Obelisk, the freshman society. The date for the annual chapter dance has been set for April 1.

St. Louis, February 22, 1910.

GEORGE W. LANE.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The longing for learning which is very noticeable around fraternity houses about the time mid-year examinations are due has been very much in evidence during the last three weeks at Nebraska Alpha.

Brother Thomas J. Doyle received an appointment to Annapolis about Christmas time. He is now studying for the entrance examinations at one of the preparatory schools at Annapolis.

The interfraternity basket ball games begin next week. We have an exceptionally good team this year but it received a hard blow about a week ago, when Brother James O'Connor, who was coach and captain, withdrew his name from the university roll.

The interfraternity indoor meet is to be held the last part of this week. We are expecting Brother Schock to win a place in the pole vault event. Phikeia Howard is very likely to take the honors in the twenty-five yard dash. The greatest interest of this meet is centered about the relay race. Brothers Cain, Metcalf and Schock and Phikeia Howard will represent us in this event. Baseball practice will begin in the university gymnasium February 16. Brother Metcalf who played shortstop on the 'varsity team last year will be out again this spring for the same position. Brother Halligan, who for the past three years has won much fame as a star pitcher among the fraternity teams has decided to try out for a place on the twirling staff of the 'varsity team.

Much interest is now centered about our informal dance, which is to be held February 18. The committee is doing all that is in their power to make this the most enjoyable dance ever given by this chapter. Brother Cain was master of ceremonies of the junior prom.

We are now enjoying the thirty-fifth year of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ at Nebraska, and in honor of this year we are to hold our annual banquet in union with the Omaha Alumni Club at Omaha on March 19. Brothers Lamkin and Cowles have assured us that they will be there.

During the past two months we have received visits from Brother

Wilson, Illinois Alpha, '06, William Baily, Wisconsin Alpha, '06, Ellis, Kansas Alpha; Buila and Amos Thomas of Nebraska Alpha, '08.

RALPH G. COAD.

Lincoln, February 10, 1910.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Since the last letter New Hampshire Alpha has initiated the following men whom we take pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity: A. W. Stevens, '11, Concord; W. S. Thompson, '11, Troy, Ohio; F. P. Kennedy, '12, Dover; J. H. Borland, '13, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; J. S. Gibson, '13, Beaver Dam, Wis.; W. M. Gibson, '13, East Ryegate, Vt.; C. S. MacDaniel, '13, Portsmouth; C. A. Pfau, '13, Roslindale, Mass.; H. G. Rice, '13, Boone, Iowa; A. R. Urion Jr., Chicago, Ill.

As the present chinning agreement has proved unsatisfactory and inadequate during the past few years steps are now being taken by a joint committee of Paleaoptitus, and of the faculty to bring about a thorough revision of the rules. The decision has not yet been announced, but it is very probable that an entirely new system of rushing will be adopted.

Interest in basketball on the part of the student body has been reawakened this winter and increased attendance at the games over last year is very marked. The results of the games played so far this season are as follows, Dartmouth's score being given first: M. I. T. 31-17; Cornell 32-11; Williams 21-23; Wesleyan 35-25. This chapter is represented on the five by Brother Mensel, '12. Brother Haserot, '10, is manager.

The hockey team has proven itself to be somewhat of a disappointment in spite of the fact that it has been seriously handicapped by poor weather conditions and very little available ice. Only one game of the intercollegiate series has been played. The scores to date are: Brae Burn 0-3; M. I. T. 0-1; Princeton 1-5; Bishops 2-1.

With the coming of Harry L. Hillman of New York to take charge of the track squad and with the construction of the new gymnasium, Dartmouth enters a new era in track athletics. Now the high hopes of the college in the realm of sports cannot fail to be realized. Active work, both indoor and outdoor, under the direction of Mr. Hillman has been commenced.

Brother Ayers '11 has recently been elected by his class to the junior prom committee.

EVERARD S. PRATT.

Hanover, February 9, 1910.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Considering the fact that the powers that be have not decided to be more lenient in the distribution of "bust notices," New York Alpha is very fortunate in being one of the few fraternities that will lose no men.

Junior week this year was voted by all to be one of the best ever. Our house-party, which included seventeen young ladies and chaperones, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The annual dance, given on the night of January 27, following the musical club's concert, was a great success and proved to be one of the nicest dances given on the hill. During junior week the chapter was honored and pleased with the presence of Brothers Frenzel, '03, Jennings, '04 and Dugan, '06.

At the annual banquet, the date of which is set for April 9, steps will be taken to adopt some plan for the maintenance of a sinking fund. It is earnestly desired that as many alumni as possible be present in order to assure the success of the proposition. Up to the present writing several of the alumni have favored and sanctioned such a plan and promise to co-operate with the active chapter. We hope to have a large attendance at the banquet so that the plan will be launched in the proper spirit with every one behind it.

The university trustees have granted us the use of a parcel of land adjoining our own property for the erection of a tennis court. As soon as the weather permits work will be commenced and when completed the court will not only be a great source of pleasure to the fellows but also a valuable asset during the rushing season.

Crew practice is well under way and Brother Names is still holding down No. 7 in the 'varsity boat, while Brothers Rockwell and Smith are fighting hard for seats in the freshman boat. W. H. KENNEDY.

Ithaca, February 4, 1910.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION UNIVERSITY.

The fall term closed and the winter term opened without any radical change in either the college or chapter. The final examinations last term were conducted under the new honor system and the results proved the system a success.

At a banquet in New York city recently, the alumni of the college voted to erect a memorial gate in honor of John Howard Payne, Union '1810, the author of "Home Sweet Home."

The business men of Schenectady have raised \$25,000 to be used to beautify the campus. This is the first time that the citizens of Schenectady have shown any interest in college affairs and we feel sure that this step will be followed by others along the same line.

The basketball team has been doing good work and promises to complete a successful season. Brother Shutler, '10, is on the team and Brother Pateron, '12, is a candidate for assistant manager.

The baseball schedule as arranged and accepted consists of fourteen games, eight of which are to be played on the campus.

The musical club's concert given here February 4 was pronounced the best ever given by the college clubs. February 24 the clubs go on a three days' trip with concerts at Elmira, Binghampton and Buffalo.

The junior week festivities were very successful. The ladies present at our house party were: Mrs. Patterson of Glens Falls; Mrs. Seamons of Marathon; Mrs. Van Aernam of Altamont; Mrs. Ripley of Schenectady; the Misses Curtis and Perkins of Smith College; Miss Mac Naughton of Vassar; the Misses Borst and Townsend of Oneonta; Miss Ashley of Glens Falls; Miss Bosworth of Greenwich; Miss Ernest of Schenectady. New York Beta entertained with a theater party and dinner Saturday evening.

Brothers Haight, '06, Bell, '08, Jewell, '08, and Guradenier, '09, paid short visits to the chapter last month. HENRY E. WHITESIDE.

Schenectady, February 9, 1910.

NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Another large bequest of one and a half millions has been received for research work in the cure of cancer and enough money has been

subscribed by a few prominent men to enable the university to purchase a half block of land immediately opposite the campus where the proposed new buildings for the medical school will be built.

From the showing made by the university basketball team thus far Columbia once more has a very good prospect of winning the inter-collegiate championship of the East. Princeton and Yale have been beaten and Pennsylvania is the only important opponent to be played. Brother Carson is a substitute on the team.

Brother Ramsdel has arranged a long schedule of games for the baseball team which will commence practice shortly. The track meets have also been announced, and Columbia will probably have a better team this year than ever before.

This year's 'varsity show "The King of Hilaria" was composed by Brother T. R. Murray and Brother Broe will manage the play. Three or four of the brothers have secured parts in the show which is pronounced the best in years.

Three representatives of New York Delta will attend the province convention at Montreal. We regret to announce that Brother Harry Warden has left Columbia and will attend some other university. Brother G. Hinman Barrett will spend the rest of the winter abroad. Since our last letter Brother Beadle has been elected captain of his class team. We wish to take this opportunity of introducing our latest initiate, Brother T. R. Murray, '12, of New York City.

New York, February 11, 1910.

FRANCIS T. ARMSTRONG.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

As the result of investigations by Chancellor Day, Professor Nugent and Lyman C. Smith, a modern hydraulic laboratory will be installed in Syracuse. The laboratory will occupy ninety feet of the basement of Machinery Hall and will be complete in every detail. It will contain all the important features of the best laboratories in the country. At a recent meeting of the trustees of the university it was decided to introduce, commencing with next year, a forestry and an agricultural course.

Senior week has been announced for the week of February 20. Brother Faus is on the senior ball committee. He was also elected as our delegate to the Alpha Province convention to be held in Montreal.

Athletics have taken a great spurt since the close of the midyear exams and work has begun in earnest in track, basketball and crew.

Brother Kilpatrick who is captain of the 'varsity basketball team has had his men practicing daily for the hard schedule ahead of them. The team has played four games already, defeating Pennsylvania and Carlisle Indians and losing to Colgate and Niagara. Brother Byrnes and Brother Lyon are promising candidates for the team. Brother Samuel Darby is a member of the freshman squad. Brother Faus, commodore of the crews, has issued a call for crew candidates and a large squad is practicing daily in the rowing room at the gymnasium. Brothers Healey and Ingalls are trying for the freshman crew.

The chapter is in a prosperous condition and is well represented in all college activities.

WALTER A. DARBY.

Syracuse, February 10, 1910.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Since the last issue of THE SCROLL we have all been through a very trying ordeal—the mid-terms examinations. Contrary to the former custom here examinations were held in January this year. Some of the effects of that ordeal are still apparent but the students are about back into their regular work and candidates for the baseball and track squads are beginning to appear.

The baseball prospects are very good and another extra good team is expected as the result of the good material and the coaching of Mr. R. B. Lawson. The track team will be trained by Mr. Nathaniel P. Cartmell who now holds the world's championship record for short distances.

North Carolina Beta lost two men this spring, Brothers J. H. Wharton and J. H. Blount, both of whom are at their homes now. Brother F. G. Whitney has been elected one of the commencement marshals.

North Carolina Beta was greatly benefited by having with her for a few days in the early part of the month Brother E. W. Kelly, Washington and Lee, '05, H. L. Watson, Richmond, '91, and F. J. Coxe, Carolina, '98. During their visit it was decided to hold a convention of Beta Province here in the last week of March. This will be during junior week and will be especially enjoyable as the delegates and visitors may attend the dances and other festivities incident to the week. All Phis are welcome and we hope that a large number of active men and alumni will be on hand.

FLOYD G. WHITNEY.

Chapel Hill, February 9, 1910.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

The winter term is as usual the busy season of university activities. Of our two new buildings that of the normal department is now in use while the Carnegie Library will be formally opened the first of March. The basketball season is now in full swing with Brother Wallace on the 'varsity squad and Brother Pine center on the freshmen team.

The junior prom, the social event of the year, comes on February 25. Prom week will be celebrated by Ohio Alpha with the usual house party. The night before the prom the dramatic club presents "The Private Secretary," a comedy of three acts. Brother Hitchcock plays a leading part. The evening following the prom the 'varsity plays The University of Cincinnati in basketball.

On the evening of January 22 the chapter entertained the co-eds at an informal dance. The whole first floor, beautifully decorated with banners and cut flowers, was thrown open to our guests. During the evening refreshments were served in the dining-room.

We regret very much the retirement from college of Brother Chapin, '11, who has entered business with his father in Grand Rapids. Brother Chapin was our 'varsity quarterback and all-around man.

Φ Δ Θ has won several university honors this term; among which are Brother Hitchcock, president of the press club; Brother Pixler, assistant football manager and manager for 1911; Brother Kinder, member of the *Rescensio* staff and prom committee, Campbell Swing Johnston, member of the university debating team. E. W. KEEVER.

Oxford, February 8, 1910.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

This term has witnessed the beginning of another student organization, the Ohio Wesleyan union. It is an organization of non-fraternity men, modeled somewhat upon the plan of a fraternity, and designed to afford the barb men some of the social features of fraternity life. It is similar to the barb organization in some other colleges and seems to meet with quite general approval by faculty and students.

The basketball season is at its height and the team, captained by Brother Cope, is holding its own well up toward the lead among Ohio teams. We have a fair chance for a championship team. Brother Patton sub-center has done good work in a game or two.

Ohio Beta has her usual quota of debaters. Brother Gilruth, '10,



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is on the team which debates against Syracuse, Brother W. W. Cary, '10, against Denison, Brother Weist, '11, against Reserve and Brother Sockman, '11, against Oberlin. Phikeia Driver is on the squad and promises much for the future. Brother Forbes has been re-elected leader of the mandolin club; Brother Weist is the new leader of the glee club. These organizations are now arranging for their spring trip. Brother Sockman was elected president of the senior lecture course committee for 1910-11.

Each year Ohio Beta gives a series of dinners to the members of the faculty and their wives. These affairs have been found very enjoyable. We have also entertained other fraternities and been enter-

tained by them this year at informal smokers. Good Pan-Hellenic spirit prevails.

The fraternity basketball games are now on and it looks as if Ohio Beta would keep the trophy cup another year. Our team under the leadership of Phikeia Palmer defeated Δ T Δ, one of the best teams, by the score of 33 to 10.

We have enjoyed the visits of several Phis from other chapters this term.

R. W. SOCKMAN.

Delaware, February 9, 1910.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Ohio has entered upon the routine of mid-year work. Recently we completed extensive improvements in our chapter house, remodeling the entire first floor.

Women's Hall, the new dormitory for women, is now ready for occupancy. This building was erected at a cost of \$60,000 and is a very handsome building. It is located near the university campus. The university has purchased a lot, located near the university, on which a science hall will be erected within the next few months.

Ohio University has long felt the need of a college paper worthy of the name. *The Side Lights*, published by the non-fraternity students, commonly called "bars," is not supported by either faculty or students and has about died out. A new paper, called the *Ohioan*, representing every organization connected with the university, has been started. The paper is under the control of a board of delegates representing every department of the university. Ohio Gamma is represented on this board of delegates by Brothers Kurtz and Beckly, the former being alumni editor.

On February 10 we initiated Phikeias Zenner and Ferrill. This brings our active chapter up to nineteen active members. We have recently pledged a man.

E. F. THOMPSON.

Athens, February 12, 1910.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Numerous social functions, basketball games and occasional track meets are the program of university activities at Ohio State in the winter term of the school year. The junior prom takes place February 18. Five games, half of the basketball schedule, have been played, with Ohio State still undefeated.

The university dramatic club, the Strollers, is preparing to present, April 15, a college play written by a member of the faculty. At a recent meeting of this organization Brother Harry Runkle was elected president for the year.

There is a fraternity bowling league at State, composed of representatives of six fraternities. At present Φ Δ Θ heads the column with eleven games won and four lost. Brother Shoemaker is captain of the team.

Among the guests of honor at the annual football dance, January 28, were four Phis, Captain Jones, Captain-elect Wells, Powell and Boone. These men were formally presented on this occasion with their "O's" won last fall.

The chapter sincerely regrets to lose one of its freshmen for the rest of this year, N. Marion White, who has had to retire from school

temporarily because of sickness. We are glad at the same time to have Brothers Rodney Trilck and Harry Neal back with us.

Brother Jones has been elected vice president of the student council of the law school. This council was very recently organized by the law students to take charge of all undergraduate activities in the law school.

HARRISON E. BARRINGER.

Columbus, February 9, 1910.

OHIO ETA, CASE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

The first cuts of the year have been made and a great many vacant places are noticeable in the laboratories and classrooms. Ohio Eta, however, has been fortunate in the fact that she has not lost any men in that way.

Just at present there is a great amount of enthusiasm at Case over the hockey team. This is the first year for any Ohio college to take up hockey. Dr. Van Horn has finally succeeded in gaining the consent of the Ohio conference and as a result both Case and Western Reserve have teams.

These two teams met for the first time February 4 and in a hotly contested game Case beat Reserve by the score of 2 to 0. There are to be six more games with Reserve and perhaps one or two with some other college.

On January 14 the chapter gave a dinner dance at the Clifton Club. A number of Alumni were present and a fine time was enjoyed by all. Ohio Eta has also given several informal "bob" rides which ended up at the fraternity house where refreshments were served.

The musical clubs under the management of Brother Barkdull have given several concerts and still have about five on the schedule. Ohio Eta is represented on the musical clubs by Brothers Barkdull, Bogardus, Greaves, Perry, Allen, Hoyt and Jungk.

JACK R. BAILIETT.

Cleveland, February 7, 1910.

OHIO THETA, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

On the night of January 12 the men of the academic and engineering colleges on the hill entertained the men of the medical and law colleges in town for the purpose of drawing the colleges closer together. The entertainment consisted of fencing and boxing bouts, combined college basketball games, vaudeville show and talks. Brothers Easton, Hill, Allan and Herman took part.

With the view of softening the antagonistic spirit which prevails between the fraternities at Cincinnati an inter-fraternity bowling league was formed. A long schedule has been made out and already the five teams are hotly contesting for the prizes. It is needless to say that Ohio Theta is well represented.

Ohio Theta held its annual Christmas dance on December 21 at the Hotel Alms. Together with the active chapter were present many of our alumni and several brothers from out of town.

On February 3 a rush smoker was held at our flat on McMillan street. We are now planning our annual reception for the parents of the active members. The success of the affair of this kind held last year necessitates another.

We take pleasure in announcing two pledges. L. M. CROSLEY.
Cincinnati, February 8, 1910.

ONTARIO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

The athletic interest of the university is now centered on the inter-collegiate hockey league which is well under way. 'Varsity has, up to date, won three straight games and lost none. The championship practically depends on the next game which is to be played in Toronto against McGill. Both universities are taking a keen interest in the coming contest and as the two teams appear to be evenly matched a great game is expected. Brother Hirth of Ontario Alpha and Brother Blair of Quebec Alpha will oppose each other at center ice. Brother Cuzner was carried as spare by the team in its game against Loreal in Montreal last week. The Osgoode Hall (law school) senior team which is playing in the Ontario Hockey Association has on its lineup three of the men in the active chapter, Brothers Stockton, Davidson and Oldham. Up to date this team has lost a game and won one and has still a good chance for the honors. 'Varsity has also a team entered in this senior O. H. A. series and Brother Cuzner is a member of the regular team. Brother Lorimer is playing with the 'varsity thirds and Brothers Cory, A. A. Smith and Maclarens are on their respective faculty teams.

In basketball 'varsity lost their first game to Queens but hope to defeat McGill next Saturday. Brother Browne played center for the team against Queens. Brother Breithaupt is playing on the Victoria College team.

This is the "plug" term at the university and the scholarship committee is trying to get the men down to the work as quickly as possible in order to relieve the congestion of the final grind in April.

The chapter is endeavoring to send as large a delegation as possible to the province convention which is to be held in Montreal the latter part of the month. Two new men have been initiated, James Clarke Acton, '13, and Wilfred Maynard Cox, '14, both of Toronto. This brings the number of the active chapter up to twenty-nine.

very enjoyable time was spent. February 7 the chapter had the pleasure of having as their guest Brother Carroll W. Doten, vice-president of Alpha Province. Brother "Stan" Crocker of Quebec Alpha who is in business is at present staying at the chapter house.

W. A. WILSON.

Toronto, February 8, 1910.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

The second term of college has opened with a rush. It is the shortest term in the college year and one in which the professors try to cover as much ground as possible. The outdoor conditions are in no way enticing to the average student so that he is expected to accomplish more than in either the fall or spring term.

The new fraternity houses promise to form a much needed social link between the students and the people of the town. The Z Psi fraternity opened its beautiful new home with an afternoon reception for the young people and a dance in the evening for their town alumni. The X Phi fraternity also opened its new home with a formal dance, to which the members of the different fraternities and the alumni of the town were invited. This makes a total of six fraternity houses at Lafayette, four of which have been erected within the last year.

At present every one is looking forward to junior week, with its unusual round of pleasure and gayety. This week promises to be one of the liveliest ever held at Lafayette. The class is larger than that of previous years and plans are under way among the fraternity and non-fraternity men to make it a royal celebration. The schedule for the week is as follows: Tuesday, The Sock and Buskin college show, written by Brother Snyder, ex-'09; Wednesday the junior hop; Thursday the junior browse and poster night; Friday sophomore banquet; Saturday matinee dance and reception in honor of Brothers Alex Wichfeldt and Frank H. Kelley. The Phis will be well represented during this week having brothers taking active part in all the class and college functions.

Brother Kelley has issued a call for baseball candidates. Indoor practice is now being held in the cage in the gymnasium. Only two of last year's team have failed to return to college leaving a strong squad of experienced players for this year's team. The freshman class has some promising material and this with the old men indicates a very successful season. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ will be represented this year by Brothers Kelley, DeMitt, Long, Ceiderquist and Steckel.

Several improvements have been made in the chapter house this term, including new lights, papering and portiers. This gives the house a finished appearance and we now have one of the best houses on the campus. Brother Irving, '13, has been forced to retire on account of financial difficulties but expects to return next fall. The musical club under Brother Royer, '10, expects to take one of the most extended trips for years. Brother Kelley, '10 will represent the chapter at the Montreal convention, which we trust will be a complete success.

L. LONG.

Easton, February 6, 1910.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

The basketball season at Gettysburg so far has been very successful. Though the team started in poorly the decisive defeats of the Indians and Dickinson have fully made up for it. Cross country and the various other track events are being practiced now. Soccer is also taking its share of attention. A number of the brothers are out for the track and soccer teams.

The musical clubs of the college will take their annual trip March 4 to 14. Brothers Etsweiler, Young, Musselman, Lighty, Tyson, Walker and Fritsch represent $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ on the clubs. Brother Lighty is acting leader of the glee club.

The annual meeting of the Pen and Sword society was held recently. Brothers Lighty and Hoshour were elected to membership. Brother Tyson is a member from last year.

The sophomore class is soon to present Pinero's "Magistrate" in the chapel. Brother Humphries is in the cast.

A bridge club has been formed by various fraternity men in college. Brothers Etsweiler and Tyson are members of this organization.

The junior prom is to be held April 1. Brother Small represents the chapter on the committee. An inter-fraternity dance is to be held on February 18 which a number of the brothers expect to attend. An informal chapter dance is being planned for the near future.

We take pleasure in introducing Brother Chester A. Coleman, '13, whom we recently initiated. The chapter acknowledges the visits of Brothers E. H. Singmaster, '06, Donald Huber, ex-'09, Paul Singmas-

ter, '08, Ben and Sam Philson, '09 and Wrights and Henderson of the Dickinson chapter.

HARVEY S. HOSHOUR.

Gettysburg, February 11, 1910.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Our second semester began Monday, February 7 after examinations which marked the close of the first half of the college year in which the members of Pennsylvania Gamma were successful.

We enjoyed the visit of J. B. Ballou, treasurer of the general council. He helped us formulate plans for the early acquisition of a chapter house.

Brother McClelland of the senior class has been appointed chairman of the committee of two who will have charge of the annual picnic and hop at commencement time. We will be represented at the Alpha province convention to be held at Montreal, by Brother McCrady of the senior class.

Miss A. Dora O'Neil of Elizabeth, Pa., aunt of O'Neil, '10 and O'Neil, '13 assisted by Mrs. Luccock, mother of Luccock, '12, gave us a sumptuous dinner at the chapter house shortly after the Christmas holidays which was enjoyed by all.

The date for the annual prom given by the junior class has not been decided but will take place near the end of the second term or last of March. Brother Biggert will represent us on that committee. The Pan-Hellenic dance is to be held at Morgan's hall March 3. Each fraternity will be represented by eight men. The interclass basketball games are creating a great deal of excitement due to the rivalry between the classes.

Washington, February 9, 1910.

H. A. TAYLOR.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The mid-year examinations were over about a week ago and the new semester is well begun. One of the big interests in college activities is the basketball team, which is at present in the midst of a season which seems likely to be successful. Six games have been played and three were won. On February 7 the team met State College at State College and was defeated 34 to 20 but on the following night beat Bucknell 48 to 20. Of the five regular men on the team, Brothers S. L. Maxwell, '10; Weidler, '11; and Hawk, '13 are making $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ proud of them.

The try-outs for the parts in "She Stoops to Conquer," the play to be staged by the Duzer-Du dramatic club were held during the first week after the Christmas recess with the result that Brothers Harris, W. Maxwell, Trosh and Hughes have been cast for important parts.

A successful two days' trip was taken by the glee club during the brief vacation between semesters. Engagements were filled at Oil City and Franklin. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ was represented by Brothers Harris, W. Maxwell, C. F. Brigham, Trosh and Wells. Brother Harris is leader of the club and his several selections were well received at both places. Brother Weidler is leader of the mandolin club and would have been on the trip but a conflicting basketball trip prevented his going.

Brother Hines as captain of the track team is already getting the men at work and expects to have one of the best track teams in the history of the institution. The team will take several long trips.

Brother Wieler, '13 was recently elected president of the German club and a member of the Thoburn club. At the same time Brother Harris

was elected to membership in the latter organization. Brother Harper is president of the college council.

THOMAS HUGHES.

Meadville, February 11, 1910.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

The basketball season is getting well under way and while there isn't much of the ideal spirit prevailing around this ancient institution nevertheless Dickinson has presented a quintet which we expect to capture more than her usual share of games. Brothers Henderson, '12, and Wright, '11, are sharing the honors coming to $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in basketball.

Wright, '11, and Lorenz, '11, are directing all their energies to the coming inter-society debate.

A very excellent position has been offered to Brother L. W. Bubeck, '13, as private secretary to attorney Bostress of Brooklyn, N. Y. This position brings Bubeck into immediate touch with one of the largest real estate concerns in Brooklyn and our best wishes accompany him in his new enterprise.

The event which for some time past has occupied the minds of our chapter and a few of the alumni was Pennsylvania Epsilon's third annual dance. It is very probable that these annual dances of ours surpass all other dances around the place. The reporter believes that it is one of the best means of keeping in close touch with the alumni and neighboring chapters; but if these dances are to be continued on the same basis as they have in the past it is up to our alumni to manifest a little more interest. Now it may be possible that a date in February is not the best time to hold an affair of the extent of our annual dances; if that is true then we would be exceedingly glad to have a few suggestions from our alumni as to a more convenient date for all concerned.

The dance which we held February 4 was conceded to be one of the prettiest ever attended here. A large orchestra, magnificent programs, exquisite decorations, an extensive menu and other incidentals constituted a very beautiful party. An afternoon tea party was held in the chapter house as a means of getting acquainted with the visitors from a distance and a general good time was indulged in.

Carlisle, February 9, 1910.

HARRY K. HOCH.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The midwinter activities are nearly completed and already a start has been made both for major and minor sports of the spring season. The baseball candidates are practicing daily in the cage, the track men have commenced running out of doors and the crew men go on the machines in a week.

The combined musical clubs have just returned from one of the most successful trips of their history. They took a New England trip this year, giving concerts at New York; Middletown, Conn.; Worcester, Mass.; Springfield, Mass., and Bridgeport, Conn. Brothers Bennett, Snyder and Hickman made the trip. Brother Bennett as assistant manager, Brother Snyder on the glee and Brother Hickman on the mandolin club.

The Mask and Wig will complete their trials for the cast and chorus in a few days. Brother Pearsall is trying for the cast, Brother Snyder for the glee chorus and Brother Blish for the dancing chorus. The production this year is called "The Desert of Mahomet" and it promises to be the best ever.

Our annual dance and theater party was held on the evenings of January 14 and 15 respectively. The dance under the chairmanship of Brother Bennett was of course a great success. The theater party at the Broad, where Elsie Ferguson amused us as "Such a Little Queen," was well arranged by Brother Piersall.

Brother Bennett, captain of the 'varsity crew, has issued his first call for candidates February 15.

Arrangements for the first second-semester smoker are practically completed and on the evening of February 17 we hope to get a line on some good material. The annual banquet to be held on alumni day is the main gossip at present.

Brother Ely has unfortunately had to leave college for a time because of an attack of chronic appendicitis.

B. F. ELY.

Philadelphia, February 8, 1910.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

With the first of February Lehigh opens her second term and now the dreaded mid-years lie behind us. We have established a record in not having had a man flunk out, a feat which has never before been accomplished in the history of the chapter.

Lehigh, under the able management of our president, is making rapid strides in all branches. Recently three new courses have been installed which fill a long-felt want. The university at the last meeting of the board of trustees decided to add to its offer of land to fraternities wishing to build on the campus by lending money to help construct the houses. Pennsylvania Eta is actively engaged in raising money and as the alumni are becoming interested everything seems to point to the fact that the time is not far distant when we shall occupy a house of our own. On February 3 our beloved president, Henry S. Drinker, '71, left for a six months trip to the Mediterranean in order to preserve his health.

Since our last letter we have initiated and take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Frank C. Heard, '11, of Brookline, Mass.

College activities are at this time of the year at a standstill and we have nothing to report in the athletic or social line but we hope to continue our enjoyable chapter dances inaugurated last term. We hope to be well represented at the Montreal convention as quite a number of the brothers have signified their intention of attending.

We have recently had visits from Brothers Sheesley, '04, Daugherty '06, and Maeder, '09, all of this chapter.

A. P. RUTHERFORD.

South Bethlehem, February 9, 1910.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA, PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

The second semester of the college year is now well under way and both the chapter and the college are settled down to the regular work. The members of the chapter did very well in the midyear exams and everything that could be expected was accomplished by the freshmen in their college work.

We chose as our delegate to the Alpha Province convention Brother H. C. Lorenz, '10, and in him we have selected one of our best men. We are sorry that others cannot also attend from our chapter because we know what a good time everybody will have at Montreal. However, we will be there in spirit if not in person.

This year we expect to have a better celebration of alumni day than ever before and we urge upon every alumnus of this and of any other chapter to be with us if possible. We have heard from a number of our alumni already and a good time is promised to all who will be with us on that occasion.

In athletics the college teams are keeping up the good work of our football team of last fall. The basketball team is holding its own with the best college teams in the country and if nothing unforeseen happens we expect an excellent season throughout. Brother Hoerle is playing an exceptional game at forward. Our wrestling team more than did itself proud when they administered to Pennsylvania one of the worst defeats she has ever had. We secured four falls and three decisions out of seven bouts, making a clean sweep of the meet. Therefore much is looked for in our remaining meets with Pennsylvania, Cornell, Lehigh and Annapolis. We have applied for admission to the inter-collegiate athletic association and expect to be taken in in the near future. Alec. Gray, '11, has been elected captain of the football team for next year and much is expected of that team for Gray has a great record behind him and will make an excellent captain.

Brother Geib, '05, was with us for a few days last week and expects to be back with us for alumni day. Both he and Brother Smith, '07, are now located at Altoona with the Pennsylvania Railroad. Brother J. R. Barber, ex-'11, also spent a few days with us since our last letter. Brothers Maxwell, Weidler and Hawk, of Pennsylvania Delta, were with us February 7. They are all playing excellent basketball for Allegheny.

To all alumni we repeat don't forget alumni day. If you can't leave your family bring them with you. K. B. SLEEPY.

State College, February 10, 1910.

QUEBEC ALPHA, MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

Our university hockey team has made a good start and it is generally conceded to be the best team we have had in years. We have strong hopes of finishing the season with the Allan cup in our possession. Brothers Blair and D. Masson are the chapter's representatives on the first team. We also expect great things of the seconds as they have already won their district. Brother G. Masson is playing for them.

Our basketball team also seems to be of unusually good calibre this year. Brother Fortier is playing on the first team with Brothers Smith, Hannah and Kennedy on the seconds.

The Alpha Province convention, only two weeks off, is at present absorbing most of our interest. This convention should do a lot towards stirring up enthusiasm for $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in Canada.

Brother Doten, vice president of Alpha Province, paid us his annual official visit this week. It is easy to understand why the organization of our Fraternity is so good when we can get such men to sacrifice their personal time in the interest of the Fraternity. We sincerely hope that this is not the last time we shall see Brother Doten. The chapter is also pleased to note visits from several traveling Phis lately: C. M. Torrence, Ohio Alpha, '96; P. A. Landry, Quebec Alpha, '03; E. K. Bacon, Ohio Eta, '08. A. W. REID.

Montreal, February 10, 1910.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA, BROWN UNIVERSITY.

At present we have four Phikeias, all fine men and members of the freshman class. By the next issue of *THE SCROLL* we hope to have some additions to announce.

At a meeting of the interfraternity council immediately after the close of the pledging season two fraternities in the agreement withdrew and a motion was passed that the present interfraternity council should dissolve as conditions at Brown are not suited to an agreement of such a nature.

The basketball team has played several games with fair success. The last games with Yale and Wesleyan were very interesting and exciting. Brother Regnier who captained last year's team has been forced to drop basketball in order to be in condition for baseball in the spring. Brown entered twenty men in the annual armory meet on February 5. Places were taken in all but two of the events in which Brown men were entered. Brothers Adams and Jarvis captained their class relay teams which took second and first places respectively in the interclass races.

The first baseball practice was held in the cage under the new coach February 7. Coach Woodcock is an old Brown pitcher who has had great success not only in pitching but in coaching winning teams. Brother Regnier, last year's second baseman, and Brother Mansur both reported.

We have been visited since the last issue of *THE SCROLL* by Brothers Behlow, California Beta and Drury, Rhode Island Alpha. Brother Chesley, '11, was initiated into the engineering society T Δ Σ at the last meeting of the society.

SEWARD T. JARVIS.

Providence, February 7, 1910.

SOUTH DAKOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

One of the important announcements of the year was made January 29, when the president stated in chapel that the university had been presented with a library by Andrew Carnegie. This is an accommodation of which the university is sorely in need.

The basketball team has been rated by reliable authority to be the second best amateur team in the state and certainly their play justifies the statement. The state championship was easily won by a margin of forty points.

The preliminary debates are now finished and two teams have been chosen to debate against the university of Iowa. A large amount of material was available and we feel confident in their strength.

On January 8 South Dakota Alpha gave an interfraternity dance to which all fraternity men in the university were invited. A pleasant evening was spent and we believe that much was done towards promoting a friendly feeling among the fraternities. Among the out of town guests was Lloyd M. Halver, '06.

The formal opening of the second semester occurred February 5, the convocation address being delivered by Dr. W. A. Jepson, an alumnus of the university. Work is now well under way in all departments.

Vermilion, February 6, 1910.

H. W. MITCHELL.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

We are hardly far enough out from under the shadow of the intermediate examinations to feel free to write very enthusiastically on any

subject but while there were some disappointments we have come through the ordeal as a whole very creditably. In fact the chapter stands in the front in all of the classes.

The basketball team was all that we could have expected this year. On its southern trip it was victorious in every place except one and it succeeded in beating Mobile, the first time this team has suffered defeat on its own floor in a number of years.

The glee club this year gives promise of being the leader in its line. The first trip is to be made this month when a number of southern towns will be visited.

Just to see for ourselves whether we were doing anything in the university several of us made a list of the honors we have taken. We have the presidency of the junior and freshmen classes; representative on the honor committee; representatives in every social and literary club including the Calumet club; men on the football, basketball, track and gym squads; the editor in chief of the college annual etc. We do not give these samples in a spirit of bragging but simply because we know that $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ stands this way everywhere.

Nashville, February 9, 1910.

Wm. M. ANDERSON, JR.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Semi annual examinations are just over and the students are recovering from an epidemic of hard study and beginning to take more interest in society. Everything is looking towards commencement, when five brothers expect to graduate. The large new university chapel is being completed and work will shortly be commenced on a new dance hall.

In the preliminaries for the intersociety debate Brothers Feild and Marshall qualified from $\Pi\Omega$ literary society and Brothers Beckwith and Cracraft will represent ΣE so it will be almost a fraternity affair. Brother Beckwith was Sewanee's candidate for the Rhodes scholarship and passed the examinations but failed to receive the appointment. He has also been elected editor-in-chief of the 1910 annual, the *Cap and Gown*.

Brother Feild has been elected president of $\Pi\Omega$, secretary and treasurer of the senior German club and president of the senior law class. Brother Cracraft has been taken into the dramatic club and was re-elected secretary of ΣE . Brother Marshall has also been elected vice president of the senior law class and secretary of $\Pi\Omega$.

Basketball season opens this week and Brothers Faulkinberry (1910 captain) and Stone are on the team.

The chapter has recently had visits from Brother Caleb B. K. Weed of the alumni building corporation and Brother S. E. Power.

Sewanee, February 10, 1910.

E. A. MARSHALL.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Since the last letter to THE SCROLL Texas Beta has pledged a new man and takes pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother Walter Alvus Parish, '10.

The convention of Theta Province has just been held at New Orleans. While little business was transacted the convention was very much enjoyed and Louisiana Alpha proved a most royal host. Province President John E. Green, Jr., Texas Beta, '09, presided and general conditions were thoroughly discussed but of course the social features of the convention were the important part.

$\Phi\Delta\Phi$ (legal) has granted a charter to the Alcalde law club at this school. The chapter will be installed about March 1, and Brothers Green, Dickson and Stone are among the pledges. The fraternity will enter with about twenty members, all of whom belong to other fraternities.

Midwinter athletics are arousing more interest than usual this year. A basketball schedule has been arranged and the track team is already at regular practice. Prospects for baseball are most excellent.

Austin, February 10, 1910.

ROBERT R. PENN.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

An editorial in the last SCROLL advised that every member of the Fraternity should study thoroughly the Bond, constitution, code and general statutes. We recognize this as a very pertinent suggestion and we have already made the first step in the right direction. A systematic study of the Fraternity as a whole has been begun and it is our aim that every member of Texas Gamma's active chapter shall have a certificate before the year is past.

The news has just come that Brother Ireland Graves, '05, has resigned as province president and that Brother J. E. Green of Houston has been elected as his successor. The chapter regrets very much the loss of Brother Graves as province president but at the same time we feel that his place has been admirably filled by Brother Green in whom the chapter has the utmost confidence. Brother Green, we are certain, will make us a model president; he is well versed in fraternity business, is an eloquent speaker, has the best interest of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ at heart and he is a most affable fellow.

The squads for the baseball and track teams have been called out for practice and an excellent showing has been made thus far. There are a number of Phis trying out for both of these teams and we hope to be well represented in spring athletics.

In 'varsity dramatics $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has played an active part. Brother Richardson played the old bachelor to perfection in a monologue part in "Old Sweethearts of Mine." As a French fencing master Brother Hufford made one of the greatest hits in "Tommy's Wife."

All are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to an address to be made the coming week by Rev. Knickerbocker, Alabama Gamma, '94. Practically all of the active chapter know Brother Knickerbocker and since he is a man who has traveled extensively and is a wonderful speaker we most cordially welcome him again.

Brother Ernest Kurth, '05, was recently married to Miss Isla Kinsolving of Corsicana, Texas, Brother C. T. Cooper, '05, performing the ceremony. Texas Gamma extends heartiest congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Kurth.

Since our last letter we have initiated two men and are pleased to introduce to the Fraternity Brothers Hiram Sloop, '12, Elgin, and Thomas Hampton Downs, '12, San Augustine. Brother Downs has been chosen captain of the football team for 1910-11. CHAS. T. STONE.

Georgetown, February 6, 1910.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

The mid-year examinations, which began on January 31, were concluded today and enrollment for the second half year will take place tomorrow. Saturday evening before the examination period a very enthusiastic

TEXAS GAMMA—ACTIVE CHAPTER.

Top Row—J. R. Allen, H. E. Buffor, R. L. Kurth, J. F. Richardson, B. J. Brooks, H. C. Sloop, A. McKinney, C. J. Armstrong.
Middle Row—T. V. Vaughan, W. B. Boon, L. D. Hawking, C. T. Stone, J. C. Snipes, R. L. Brewer, A. V. Cockrell.
Bottom Row—J. E. Kingore, N. B. Allen, L. L. Feder, T. H. Downs, E. M. Westbrook, R. O. Stewart, P. F. Jones.



smoker was held in the college gymnasium. Besides a large number of the academic students many medical students were in attendance. Each year sees increased intercourse between the academic and medical students and from present indications it would seem that in the not very remote future complete fusion of the students of the two departments might be possible.

The chapter letter has been completed and on February 1 was sent to Brother Rommel the editor of the year book. This year the letter contains articles on the chapter house situation both from the standpoint of the active chapter and the local alumni. It is hoped that every alumnus will give his careful attention to these articles. If he does this he cannot help but realize that the need for a new chapter house here at Vermont is urgent.

The next event of general interest on the hill will be the annual "Kollege Kake Walk," which will take place as usual on February 22. These Kake Walks have been improving from year to year and have become one of the chief events of the winter months not only to the students but to the townspeople as well. The Phis have been fortunate in securing the cup, given by Brother Briggs to the fraternity putting on the best stunt, for the past two years and it is safe to say that they will do their best to keep it in their possession for another year.

During the Christmas recess Brothers Earl Waterman, '07, and Ralph Perry, '06, were in town.

GEORGE P. TUTTLE, JR.

Burlington, February 10, 1910.

VIRGINIA BETA. UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Indoor sports and the dramatic club are the principal topics of the day. The track team, of which Brother "Larry" Martin is captain and Brother Harrison, manager, won the point trophy at the George Washington University indoor games in Washington last Saturday night. However in the star event of the evening, a mile relay race between Cornell and Virginia, Cornell defeated our fast team by a bare two yards. Brother Goodwin ran the first lap. This is the first time in three years that the Virginia relay team has been defeated. Brother Martin easily won the fifty yard hurdles from scratch and Brother Burke placed in the fifty yard open. Brother Campbell is showing up well on the basketball team. Brothers Howze, Campbell, Lile and MacKay have reported for spring baseball practice in the cage.

"Turvyland," an original comic opera, composed and written by W. B. Harrison of this year's graduating class, was put on here for the first time last night and proved another in the long line of successes presented by the "Arcadians," the dramatic club of the university.

Brother Blackford is secretary and treasurer of the "Arcadians" and Brothers Brown and Booker are also members. Our chapter is represented in the chorus of this year's show by Brothers MacKay, Lemen and Booker and Phikeia Anderson. Brother Brown is on the managerial staff and all of these expect a good time on the long trip through Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky, on which they start today.

Brother Harrison was recently elected vice president of the amalgamated class of 1910. Brothers Harrison and Gravely are spring goats of $\Phi\Delta\Phi$ (legal) and Brothers Brown, Booker, Blackford and Harrison have joined the P K cap society.

Since our last letter Brother Glass has returned to college and re-

sumed his law studies. One man has been pledged since the January SCROLL.

BODLEY BOOKER.

University of Virginia, February 8, 1910.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Virginia Gamma numbers ten active men, the eleventh member, Brother W. L. Robinson, Jr., not returning to college after the Christmas holidays. A summary of the honors falling to the chapter for the year 1909-10 is as follows: S. G. Blanton is secretary of the Y. M. C. A.; H. V. Bounds is instructor in Latin (second year), debater Frank Hall public night and a 1910 A. M. degree man; C. C. Carroll is on the football basketball and baseball squads and is president of the class of 1913. L. L. Gravely debated for Randolph-Macon against Wake Forest, is orator on both the state preliminary and the Sutherlin contests, president of Frank Hall for a term, president Frank Hall public night, treasurer senior class, captain and pitcher of baseball team and is an A. B. degree man; R. W. Peatross, Jr., is assistant manager of the football team; J. V. Reed is an artist for the annual. J. C. Simpson is on the Y. M. C. A. cabinet, halfback football team, on basketball squad, assistant manager baseball team, business manager of *The Monthly* and is a member of Σ T literary fraternity (second year). B. T. Tatem is instructor in English (second year), on *Monthly* staff, business manager of the annual, secretary and associate playwright senior class, member Σ T (third year) and is eligible for an A. B. degree.

The chapter has recently organized itself into a Bible class with B. T. Tatem instructor. The work is eliciting much interest. As regards the coming baseball season prospects are good from all appearances. Six of last year's men are back. Virginia Gamma will likely have two men on the squad this year, Brothers Gravely and Carroll. B. T. TATEM.

Ashland, February 12, 1910.

VIRGINIA ZETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The winter at Washington and Lee has been an exceptionally active one, the most brilliant event of the year, the fancy dress ball, winding up the pre-Lenten festivities on February 7. The annual junior prom was held February 5, Φ Δ Θ being represented by two members on the dance committee.

The basketball team is now in the midst of a strenuous schedule, the remainder of which includes games with V. P. I., Georgetown, University of Virginia, Central Y. M. C. A. of Baltimore, St. John's and others. In the games up to the present time, Washington and Lee has won from S. M. A., Davidson and the University of Virginia, losing only to V. P. I. Brother Glasgow, '12, is playing a brilliant game at guard and will undoubtedly be chosen to lead the 1911 five. Brothers Thornton, '13, and Dearborn, '13, have been appointed on the athletic committee of the freshman class.

Brother Manor, '11, has been elected to the cotillion club, giving Φ Δ Θ five men out of the limited membership of twenty-five in that organization. Brothers Coke, Thach, H. J. Lemley and Watson have made Σ, the senior ribbon society here. Brothers Glasgow, '12, and Thach, '10, will represent Washington and Lee in the annual intercollegiate debate with Johns Hopkins University this spring. Brother W. K. Lemley, '10, has been appointed on the executive committee of the 1910 final ball.

Brothers Smithson, law '11, and Watson, law '11, are among those asked to join $\Phi\Delta\Phi$ (legal), this making six members of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in that society out of six men in the law school. Other recent honors falling to the chapter are the presidency of the Alabama Club, presidency of the university Masonic club, secretaryship of the senate (graduate club) and secretaryship of the Alabama Club.

Virginia Zeta had the pleasure recently of a visit from Brother G. McP. Minetree, '08, now in the railway supply business with headquarters in Washington, D. C. Brother E. W. Kelly, president of Beta Province, was also with us a short while last week. The chapter hopes to close up negotiations in the near future for the house it is now occupying for another year.

ROBERT G. THACH.

Lexington, February 9, 1910.

WASHINGTON ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

This week marks the close of the first semester. The faculty ruling permits no one to be initiated until he has twelve credits in the university, therefore our freshmen will not be initiated until the latter part of this month.

Brother Mullen, captain of the baseball team, leaves soon for California, where he will join the Chicago White Sox for spring training. Brothers Diether, Polson and Paulson will not be back next semester. Brother McKinley, who has been in the office of the city engineer for the past six months, will again join us February 15.

In fraternity basketball $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is still undefeated and will meet the $\Sigma A E$ team in the finals this week.

As the situation now stands Washington will row California and Stanford universities at Seattle in May and Wisconsin at Lake Mendota in June. The entire university and Seattle are back of the movement to send the crew east and in all probability the plan will be carried out. On the freshman crew we are represented by Phikeias Jenson, T. Wand and Phipps. The 'varsity does not turn out until February 15.

Brother Hartson is busy editing the *Tyee*, which promises to be the best annual Washington ever had. In this publication the chapter justly feels a proprietary interest, as with one exception, since the chapter was installed, we have been represented every year by either a manager or an editor.

The $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ formal dance was given Friday, February 11, at Hotel Sorrento. Seventy-five couples were present including the active chapter, the pledges and a good representation of alumni, the best formal ever given by Washington Alpha. The hall was decorated in the fraternity colors. The dancing stopped at 11:30, after which supper was served in the banquet hall of the hotel.

Brother Chittenden will give a dance to the chapter at his home on Queen Anne Hill, Thursday, February 17.

WALTER WAND.

Seattle, February 12, 1910.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The end of the first semester's work finds Wisconsin Alpha without an appreciable diminution of numbers; on the other hand one member, Brother Horan, has actually been forced to retire on account of over-work. Though we do not wish to advocate health breaking, yet we are naturally more or less proud of the fact that such a thing has happened to us.

VIRGINIA ZETA, ACTIVE CHAPTER.



Preparations are well under way for the junior prom and class play which come off before the beginning of the second semester. The chapter is represented on the prom committee this year by Brothers W. V. Bicklehaupt and Lamont. Herbert Stodhard who is directing the junior play will again have charge of the Haresfoot opera which comes off some time in April. This production is the big event of its kind of the year and this spring an extensive tour is planned for the club. At present Milwaukee, Chicago, Champaign and Indianapolis are included in the itinerary. Brother C. O. Bicklehaupt is at present the only member of the club from the chapter but a number are contemplating trying out for the spring production.

The basketball work has been suspended during the mid-year vacation but with the games that Wisconsin is to play on her home floor during the remainder of the season she expects to do things with all comers. The game with Minnesota was reported correctly as being in every respect a rough contest. Brother W. V. Bicklehaupt plays a guard position and according to the dope of the coaches, as well as that of the Aberdeen *Daily News*, he is doing star work.

The chapter is again blessed with a dog, this now being the third within the writer's recollection.

Brother Allen Boyden who had contemplated returning to the chapter the second semester has been detained by serious illness at his home in Green Bay. Brother Sherman McQueen is again unauthoritatively reported on the verge of matrimony and Brother Ralph Hartley (also unauthoritatively) headed in the same direction. Brother Harold Barker, '07, paid the chapter a short visit in January. It was impossible to persuade Brother "Jimmie" Haldeman to stay a second time over night at the chapter house.

BENJ. S. BEECHER.

Madison, February 13, 1910.

ALUMNI CLUBS.

WASHINGTON.

The regular monthly smoker of the alumni club was held December 21 in the alumni room of the University Club. The convening of congress has brought to Washington many old Phis and with them welcome is given the following brothers:

Lee T. Pond, *Wisconsin*, '09, secretary to Hon. J. J. Esch of La Crosse, Wis.; A. M. Milloy, *Amherst*, '10, commissary-general's office, war department; W. L. Durand, *Cornell* and *Stanford*, '07, bureau of standards; W. A. Spalding, *Stanford*, '08, army and navy preparatory; Clement T. Roberts, *Syracuse*, '05.

The smokers of the club are held the third Tuesday of each month at the University Club. Phis anticipating a visit to Washington are requested to remember this. Chapters and alumni clubs knowing of Phis recently removed to Washington will confer a favor by communicating their names and addresses to the reporter. MARCELLUS C. SHEILD.

January 13, 1910.

CHICAGO.

During the year 1909 a register of all Phis who attended the weekly luncheons was kept and the following statistics have been prepared from the register:

During the year more than 550 Phis were served with luncheons at the Friday meetings. In all thirty chapters were represented by ninety-two men. Illinois Alpha outclassed all others both in the number of men and in total attendance. This chapter had sixteen men who attended an aggregate of 164 times. To George E. Liscomb, *Dartmouth*, '07, belongs the honor of being present the greatest number of times, with Warren D. Howe, *Indiana*, '86, a close second. The average number of Phis present was eleven and the smallest number five. Those who attended ten or more times are as follows: G. E. Liscomb, *Dartmouth*, '07, 40; W. D. Howe, *Indiana*, '86, 38; F. H. Scheiner, *Northwestern*, '02, 27; H. E. Weese, *Northwestern*, '02, 25; E. W. Newton, *Hanover*, '04, 23; R. S. Kimball, *Illinois*, '10, 21; F. J. R. Mitchell, *Northwestern*, '96, 19; L. T. Wilson, *Northwestern*, '09, 17; H. R. Auracher, *Knox*, '07, 16; S. C. Erie, *Illinois*, '07, 16; C. I. Barker, *Hillsdale*, '87, 15; P. M. Taylor, *Northwestern*, '09, 15; R. A. Willson, *Northwestern*, '04, 15; C. A. Aldrich, *Northwestern*, '12, 14; W. D. Blatner, *Dartmouth*, '05, 14; W. E. Godso, *Chicago*, '03, 14; Hoyt King, *Indiana*, '92, 14; E. T. Snohr, *Knox*, '06, 12; M. Beck, *Northwestern*, '09, 10; J. W. Judson, *Michigan*, '01, 10; M. S. Leaming, *Wabash*, '07, 10.

Those who attended seven luncheons are D. Powell, *Westminster*, '08; W. M. Vandersluis, *Michigan*, '02.

Six—E. P. Grant, *Knox*, '08; W. E. Ramsey, *Chicago*, '00.

Five—H. B. Boyd, *Central*, '08; R. P. Hoover, *Michigan*, '08; L. L. Iseman, *Lafayette*, '02.

Four—H. I. Allen, *Northwestern*, '04; J. V. Bird, *Washington State*, '05; L. H. Blanchard, *Dartmouth*, '97; A. F. Cardon, *Chicago*, '09; W. H. Gleiser, *Wabash*, '08; H. A. Spilman, *Northwestern*, '10; R. K. Stritzinger, *Lehigh*, '10; K. L. Vehe, *Northwestern*, '11.

Three—G. H. Abbott, *Dartmouth*, '02; E. S. Antisdale, *Michigan*, '00; M. H. Baird, *Northwestern*, '02; C. W. Burkett, *Wabash*, '10; J. C. Chamberlain, *Northwestern*, '11; J. K. Elliot, *South Dakota*, '03; C. A. Fassett, *Dartmouth*, '07; W. D. Graham, *Michigan*, '11; R. E. Graves, *Chicago*, '98; H. L. Harker, *Northwestern*, '03; W. E. Higbee, *Illinois Wesleyan*, '83; W. E. Hunter, *Colorado*, '03; W. J. Kemp, *Wisconsin*, '08; C. A. Legg, *Amherst*, '04; C. H. Oldfather, *Hanover*, '06; Ivan Prather, *Chicago*, '12; C. J. Strayer, *Colorado*, '05; J. B. Tinnon, *Vanderbilt*, '06.

Two—A. T. Browne, *Wisconsin*, '94; H. G. Dennison, *Dartmouth*, '07; H. F. Dickinson, *Wisconsin*, '96; B. H. Krog, *Chicago*, '09; E. C. Moulton, *Northwestern*, '11; R. T. Radford, *Chicago*, '10; C. O. Smith, *Chicago*, '11; H. K. Urion, *Dartmouth*, '12; A. G. White, *Dartmouth*, '07! A. R. Williams, *Michigan*, '00; M. S. Wilson, *Northwestern*, '10; R. W. Woodberry, *Michigan*, '08.

One—George Banta, *Indiana*, '76; G. H. Bristol, *Michigan*, '07; C. E. Brown, *Cornell*, '94; F. R. Cowles, *Kansas*, '05; W. K. Earle, *Chicago*, '07; J. E. Edwards, *Lombard*, '70; L. M. Essick, *Knox*, '09; I. L. Foster, *Brown*, '93; L. B. Fulton, *Chicago*, '00; F. P. Hall, *Chicago*, '06; J. L. Hammond, *Wabash*, '95; C. I. Johnson, *Kansas*, '07; H. E. Jones, *Ohio*, '73; C. C. Kusterer, *Michigan*, '06; W. H. Linn, *Wabash*, '09; T. L. Parker, *Dartmouth*, '11; E. E. Quantrell, *Chicago*, '05; R. S. Richardson, *Central*, '08; B. F. Roller, *DePauw*, '98; H. W. Sherman, *Nebraska*, '02; G. W. Strain, *Knox*, '99; D. D. Starr, *Michigan*, '02; M.

C. Sweet, *Wisconsin*, '11; S. D. Tappan, *Dartmouth*, '08; C. H. Ward, *Williams*, '03; C. P. Watson, *Illinois*, '10.

Thus far in 1910 the attendance is increasing and all Phis whether resident in Chicago or visiting the city are most cordially invited to attend.

Plans are being made for the annual banquet to be held alumni day, March 15, and an effort will be made to break the attendance record of 155 which was made a few years ago.

February 10, 1910.

IVAN PRATHER.

DES MOINES.

The big aviation meet and United States army tournament to be held at Des Moines next September will be the excuse for a bigger annual banquet and "stunts" than ever before by the Central Iowa Alumni Club of Des Moines. Watch the papers for the date of the aviation meet and the military tournament and let the club know if you will be there.

The club usually dines in the Savery Inn "Dutch Room" on Sunday evenings at 6:30. All Phis are joyfully welcomed.

February 10, 1910.

ROBERT W. BAILY.

BOSTON.

The lunches of the Boston Club have been held regularly at Mars-ton's restaurant for a number of years. These lunches have been well attended, not only by brothers who do business in this vicinity, but frequently by brothers from some distance who take this opportunity to renew their acquaintances and enthusiasm in $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.

A new order of things, however, and a better one, was inaugurated at the lunch of February 5. Through the courtesy of Brother Carroll M. Doten, vice president of Alpha Province, arrangements had been made to hold these lunches at the Boston City Club. Here we had a private room, excellent service and a most excellent menu. As one of the boys said, "This is really a first-class banquet and we can have it every week."

After the dinner some time was passed in social converse. A meeting of the banquet committee was called by our president, Brother Samuel S. Dennis, Jr. Members of the Harvard Alumni Club banquet committee were present to confer with our banquet committee. A vote of thanks was tendered to Brother Doten who extended the privileges of the club to the Phis. Our club was never greater in numbers or in enthusiasm for the Fraternity than at present and we anticipate a record-breaking banquet. The committee decided to hold the banquet at the Boston City Club on alumni day, March 15, where may be found excellent facilities for handling a banquet of the size which ours promises to be. All Phis, resident and visiting, will please note that we are to meet for our lunches each Saturday at one o'clock at the Boston City Club.

WILLIAM W. HOWE.

February 7, 1910.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

The self-appointed reporter of an unchartered alumni club claims exemption from fine for not sending in a letter promptly. The regular semi-annual gathering of Phis in this section was held with the Brothers Aldridge (we have three of them now) at their Estell Plantation

Wednesday, December 29, 1909. Our crowd is increasing steadily and what worries Mrs. Aldridge is how many will be there next time.

These gatherings have become widely known throughout this "muddy-bottom land" and the Phis come from all around. Either the dinner or the company would more than suffice and the combination is the kind of enjoyment that only such company and entertainment can afford. The color scheme of decorations in the dining room was of white and blue; place cards in a sword and shield, with name on each and autographs on reverse side, and a long menu that supplied more than a sufficiency for every one. Though roads were impassible and weather disagreeable "it's always fair weather when good fellows get together." The jolly good Phis shared their pleasures, exaggerated their college reminiscences and swore that each would surely be present when the Aldridges issue the next call. That night Miss Aldridge gave a dance at Hollandale which closed an enjoyable day at three a. m. tomorrow.

Besides two goats (freshmen from the university) there were present from Mississippi, Joe, John and Bob Aldridge, Billy Wynn, Bob Somerville, George McCabe, Bill McKinney, Harry Love, L. P. Jones; from Vanderbilt, W. D. Atterbury, Jno. Archer; from Georgia Tech and Tulane, T. V. Magruder; from Washington & Lee, Abe Somerville.

February 11, 1910.

ROBERT N. SOMERVILLE.

PITTSBURG.

This week we are changing the place of our Friday noon lunch and meeting from the Hotel Henry to the Fort Pitt Hotel. Visiting Phis will please take note. We will also hold our annual banquet at the Fort Pitt.

All brothers will also take notice that the "Smoky City" delegation is already planning for the national convention at Niagara Falls; we are anxious for this first summer convention to be a great success.

February 7, 1910.

WILLIAM R. MAIN.

HOUSTON.

The local members of the Fraternity last night organized an alumni chapter at a dinner given by Major John Lovejoy at Café Sauter. The movement to organize this chapter is of long standing and the dinner last night was the culmination of the efforts of the individual members to perfect the organization.

Joseph E. Crews is now the president of the local alumni chapter, Charles Abbott is the vice president and John E. Green, Jr., is secretary. The club meets every Friday night for a sociable dinner, and is this year the fraternity upon which rests the responsibility of making the annual Pan-Hellenic dinner a success.

The dinner last night was tendered the members by Major Lovejoy and as is usual when he entertains was a success in every line. The dinner itself was superintended by Gus Sauter, with Herman Marunga as his assistant. The tables were decorated in the colors of the Fraternity, argent and azure, with white carnations, the fraternity flower, here and there among the floral decorations.

Joseph W. Evans presided as toastmaster and when the coffee and cigars were reached, toasts, both witty and weighty, became numerous. Dr. R. W. Knox was first called on and expressed in behalf of the

other members the appreciation which they felt at being called together on such an occasion. Charles Abbott recalled memories which the meeting brought up, telling of the fraternity feeling which should pervade each member of the organization. E. W. Graves told of the friendships which arose among fraternity men and which should especially hold between the members of this order, of the keeping alive of the sentiment among the members now in Houston.

The principal talk of the evening was that by Major Lovejoy, by whom the dinner was given. He told of the happiness which came to him as a member of the Fraternity while at school, when only books and ambition troubled him; of the happiness which came to him at all times when associating with members of the Fraternity since he had left college. "My idea in bringing you together tonight was to perfect the organization of a local chapter. We have one of the greatest organizations in the world, for it is founded on the basis of the brotherhood of man, and in the belief of the Deity. The brotherhood which exists in the order is the means of cementing the spiritual nature of the members of the organization. We should keep alive those principles upon which the order is founded, and the organization of this alumni chapter is the means whereby we may do this; whereby we may become and remain a spiritual unit and keep alive the fire of youth and brotherhood."

After an amusing story showing the disastrous effects of the lack of spirit by John E. Green, Jr., the election of officers took place, with the results already given.

The chapter unanimously gave a rising vote of thanks to Major Lovejoy for the pleasures afforded by the dinner. Songs and chorus then became the order of the hour and "Heidelberg" and the "Frat" songs rang loud and merry as the night grew old. The yells of the Fraternity, and the various colleges represented were given and regiven, the meeting breaking up with every member pervaded with his old feeling of college and fraternal spirit.

The names of those who attended, and who likewise signed the petition for a local alumni chapter, with the name of the chapter to which they belonged and the year in which they were graduated, are as follows:

John Lovejoy, Georgia Beta, '73; Dr. R. W. Knox, Kentucky Alpha, '80; E. W. Edmonds, Texas Beta, '09; Joseph G. Woods, Virginia Beta, '05; J. Donald Hall, Texas Beta, '07; E. W. Graves, Texas Gamma, '03; A. A. Brooks, Vermont Alpha, '87; C. H. Abbott, Nebraska Alpha, '02; Raymond Dickson, Texas Beta, '09; Joseph W. Evans, Indiana Epsilon, '07; John E. Green, Jr., Texas Beta, '09; Joseph E. Crews, Indiana Zeta, '82; J. G. Leavell, Mississippi Alpha, '94; George W. Foster, Texas Gamma, '96; John H. Foster, Texas Gamma, '93; Reuben Travis Scott, Missouri Gamma, '83. *Houston Post, December 22, 1909.*

NORFOLK.

The initial meeting of the Norfolk Alumni Club, following the granting of their charter during the early fall, was held at the Lynnhaven Hotel on the above date. A very enjoyable luncheon was served and the following permanent organization effected: William B. Burruss, president; H. R. Weller, secretary and treasurer; F. M. Weller, reporter. The brothers present from Norfolk were: A. H. Worsham, *Purdue*; A. S. Martin, R. W. Peatross, *Randolph-Macon*; W. B. Bur-

russ, Missouri; G. W. Bethell, H. R. Weller, F. M. Weller, North Carolina; R. W. Webb, E. H. Whitehurst, W. P. Dodson, J. T. Deal, H. S. Nichols, Virginia Military Institute; S. A. Flickinger, J. R. Capps, Roanoke; J. D. Stubbs, Alabama Polytechnic.

Those present from Suffolk were: H. S. Eley, Bradford Kilby, Randolph-Macon; from Newport News, O. D. Batchelor, S. R. Buxton, J. T. Buxton, North Carolina; Judge J. T. Barham, Randolph-Macon.

Plans for future meetings were discussed and a banquet was decided upon for the coming alumni day. This first meeting was the occasion of many surprises in acquainting several unsuspecting brothers of the fraternal relations existing between them and their business associates, and the success of the meeting augurs well for the future enjoyment and benefit to be derived from the organization of the $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ alumni in Norfolk and vicinity. There are doubtless other alumni Phis in this vicinity, whom we have not yet discovered, and we shall be glad to receive any information regarding them.

FRANCIS M. WELLER.

January 22, 1910.

PERSONAL.

All readers of THE SCROLL are requested to forward personals about alumni. Reporters are urged to forward them with every chapter letter, but on separate sheets. A favor will be conferred on the Editor by writing them in the form in which such items appear below.

Please write all proper names very clearly.

Clippings should bear the names and dates of the papers from which they have been cut.

A particular request is made for information about members who have recently died, including more especially the date and place of death.

Alabama—Sears Lee, '07, is at Marion, Ala.

Ohio—Harry Z. Foster, '07, is located at Athens, Ohio.

Alabama—William J. Conniff, '02, it at Birmingham, Ala.

Vanderbilt—William J. Keller, '06, is located at Judson, S. C.

Dickinson—Edwin D. Hagerty, '05, is located at Warriors, Pa.

Alabama—J. D. Stubbs, '88, is with Baugh & Sons, Norfolk, Va.

Virginia—Duncan L. Groner, '94, is practicing law at Norfolk, Va.

Randolph-Macon—Henry S. Eley, '91, is a druggist at Suffolk, Va.

Iowa Wesleyan—Charles T. Stafford, '00, is located at Grinnell, Iowa.

Vermont and Amherst—Clayton W. Guptil, '09, is at Red Bank, N. J.

Iowa Wesleyan—Sherman W. Needham, '03, is located at Sigourney,

Pennsylvania State—Ralph W. Bowers, '04, is located at Waynesboro, Pa.

Randolph-Macon—Bradford Kilby, '06, is practicing law at Suffolk, Va.

Toronto—Charles Johnson, '08, is at 143 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ont.

Lehigh—Robert L. Lafferander, '08, is at 129 York Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dartmouth—Clarence T. Schwartz, is located at New Rochelle, N. Y.
Vermont—Leslie H. Newton, '05, is with C. R. Corwin Co., Boston, Mass.

Wabash—Emery E. Hess, '04, has moved from Ballard to Seattle, Wash.

McGill—Gordon T. Brown, '06, is practicing medicine at Brant, Alberta.

Minnesota—Isaac K. Kerr, Jr., '05, is a large grain buyer at Calgary, Alberta.

Lehigh—Kenneth Potter, '12, is engaged in insurance work in Waynesboro, Pa.

Vanderbilt—Ralph B. Gray, '10, is located at 1525 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago.

Knox—Henry W. Lass, '06, is with the Wagner Printing Co., Galesburg, Ill.

Colby—Austin Shaw, '09, is at Johns Hopkins University studying medicine.

Colby—John W. Spencer, '07, is with the Thomas Auto Co. in New York City.

Cornell—Howard M. Rogers, '07, is with the Sun Company, Robinson, Ind.

Pennsylvania—Horace E. Merkle, '88, died February 6, in Kansas City, Mo.

Miami—Bruce E. Lloyd, '08, is at 445 East Third Street, Middletown, Ohio.

Allegheny—Earnest C. Parshall, '12, is with the Union Boiler Works in Erie, Pa.

Pennsylvania—Charles S. Bilyeu, '07, is at 183 West 87th Street, New York, N. Y.

Syracuse—Olin W. Wood, '92, is principal of Deleware Academy, Delhi, N. Y.

Cincinnati—G. Albert Doeller, '07, is with the Dayton Lighting Co., Dayton, Ohio.

Dartmouth—Howard C. Davis, '06, is located at 12 Summer Street, Boston, Mass.

North Carolina—Oliver D. Batchelor, '88, is practicing law at Newport News, Va.

Lehigh—Edgar R. Treverton, '07, is at 111 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Iowa Wesleyan—C. L. Brady, '08, is with the First National Bank, Washington, Ia.

Columbia—Clifford S. Haigh, '09, died January 2, at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Colby—William Hoyt, '05, is teaching at Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa.

Lehigh—J. Faber Hanst, '07, is with the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co. Ishpeming, Mich.

V. M. I.—Harry S. Nichols, '85, is with J. Leon Wood & Co., brokers, Norfolk, Va.

Kansas—Henry Nixon, '09, is now with the First National Bank of Kansas City, Mo.

McGill—Bowman C. Crowell, '04, is located at 701 West 178th Street, New York, N. Y.

Illinois—Asa B. Cutler, '06, has removed from Rockford, Ill., to Hood River, Ore.

Colorado—Hallack T. Chaney, '05, has moved from Denver, Colo., to La Crosse, Wis.

Ohio State—Carlton C. Howard, '96, is with the Enameled Metals Co., Pittsburg, Pa.

Washington—Henry H. Thedinga, '05, is located at 1421 17th Avenue, Seattle, Wash.

Kansas—Howard E. Mervine is with Wells Fargo and Co., Express, at Dodge City, Kan.

Colorado—Livingston P. Ferris, '08, is located at 35 St. Botolph Street, Boston, Mass.

Columbia—Henry W. Egner, Jr., '98, is practicing law at 185 Market Street, Newark, N. J.

South Dakota—Hiram E. Beebe, '07, is located at 25 St. James Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Toronto—Duncan G. Munro, '08, is with MacDonald & MacDonald, Superior Junction, Ont.

Cincinnati—Howard G. Holdredge, '05, has removed from Detroit, Mich. to Alliance, Ohio.

Allegheny—Roger H. Motten, '01, is a professor in Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Randolph-Macon—Andrew S. Martin, '88, is in the wholesale drug business at Norfolk, Va.

Southwestern—William K. Strother, '94, is in charge of a new college located at Artesia, N. M.

Colby—Alvin L. Cotton, '08, is athletic instructor in the Houlton high school, Houlton, Me.

Toronto—Harry S. Sprague, '08, has left for Vancouver, B. C., to enter the lumber business.

Richmond—J. Iredell Jenkins, '89, is president of The Jenkins Paint and Oil Co., Norfolk, Va.

Randolph-Macon—Richard W. Peatross, '90, is of the firm of Patross & Savage, Norfolk, Va.

Colby—Isaiah A. Bowdoin, '06, has accepted a position to teach at Derby Academy, Derby, Vt.

Iowa Wesleyan—Ray I. Tenant, '09, is telegraph editor of the Des Moines Register & Leader.

Georgia Tech—Hugh D. Cook, '07, is cashier of the First National Bank of Three Forks, Mont.

Roanoke—Edward H. Whitehurst, '75, controls the Whitehurst Furniture Store at Norfolk, Va.

North Carolina—George W. Bethell, '89, is with the American Tobacco Co., at Norfolk, Va.

Ohio—Henry W. Lever, '08, is director of athletics, State Normal School, Valley City, N. Dak.

Toronto—Duncan A. L. Graham, '05, is doing post-graduate work in medicine in London, England.

V. M. I.—Joseph T. Deal, '82, state senator, is president of the Greenleaf Lumber Co., Norfolk, Va.

Pennsylvania—John Y. Huber, Jr., '07, is located at 1419 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Stanford—Guy C. Bowman, '02, has moved to Columbus, Ohio, his address being Hotel Vendome.

Ohio—George DeCamp, '04, was appointed national bank examiner by the comptroller of currency.

McGill—Simpson J. Shepherd, '06, is junior partner in the leading law firm at Lethbridge, Alberta.

Ohio—Vaughn M. Kelley, '05, is chief engineer with the American Plate Glass Co., Alexandria, Ind.

Wisconsin—John E. Boynton, '04, is a member of the engineering faculty at the University of Iowa.

Kansas—Frank K. Lostutter, '10, and Miss Florine Wilhite, both of Emporia, were recently married.

Amherst—William K. Dustin, '96, is with John Pew & Son, wholesale dealers in fish, Gloucester, Mass.

Ohio Wesleyan and Case—Leslie O. Parker, '07, is located at 1720 Wood Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Vermont—Arthur B. Gilbert, '89, is with the *Engineering Record*, 239 West 39th Street, New York, N. Y.

Ohio—McKendree W. Coultrap, '86, is head professor of mathematics at Northwestern College, Naperville, Ill.

Texas—Edmund P. R. Duval, '01, is professor of mathematics in the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

Allegheny—J. Merrill Wright, '95, is practicing law in Pittsburg, Pa., with offices in the St. Nicholas Building.

V. M. I.—Robert W. Webb, '82, is heading the West Virginia Land Development Corporation at Norfolk, Va.

Missouri—William B. Burruss, '99, has charge of the Norfolk, Va. office of the Provident Life and Trust Co.

Lehigh—William A. Maeder, '09, has accepted a position with the U. S. Metals Refining Co., Crome, N. J.

V. M. I.—William P. Dodson, '84, is with the Dodson-Fearing-Miller Co., wholesale notions, Norfolk, Va.

Toronto—Charles Johnson, '08, who is with the Canadian Northern Railway has been transferred to Toronto.

Kansas—William C. Perry, B. S., '09, is mining engineer with the Central Coal and Coke Co., Pittsburg, Kan.

Allegheny—Frank E. Stewart, '09, is with the Bell Telephone Co. and is at present located at Parkersburg, W. Va.

Idaho—Clarence L. Wickstrom '07, was married to Miss Mary Heustis, of Spokane, Wash., during the holidays.

Butler—The engagement of George Ade Davis, '06, to Miss Marie Estelle Walsh of Chicago, has been announced.

Case—D. Earle Barnett, '09, is an engineer with N. C. McGinnis, draining and dredging contractors, Bement, Ill.

Roanoke—Charles R. Capps, '00, is vice-president of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, with offices at Norfolk, Va.

Idaho—Frank Magee, '09, is at present employed by Oleson & Johnson, contracting engineers, of Missoula, Mont.

Randolph-Macon—Jefferson T. Barham, '86, is judge of the corporation court, and is located at Newport News, Va.

Wisconsin—Edward R. Richter, '07, represents the Nordberg Engine Co., of Milwaukee, Wis., in the Island of Cuba.

Southwestern—George D. Whittle, '05, is with the engineering department of the M. K. & T. Railway, Dallas, Texas.

Southwestern—Ernest Kurth, '05, was married on January 25, 1910, to Miss Isla Kinsolving of Corsicana, Texas.

Vanderbilt—James M. Griggs, '81, congressman from Georgia for seven terms, died at his home in Georgia January 5.

Kansas—Harry J. Taylor, B. S. '10, intends leaving at once to enter engineering construction work at Galveston, Texas.

Southwestern—Robert L. Penn, '84, a charter member of Texas Gamma, died last August at his home in Austin, Texas.

North Carolina—Samuel R. Buxton, '08, and J. T. Buxton, '04, are engaged in the practice of law in Newport News, Va.

Wisconsin—Maynard E. Allen, '06, has charge of the Chicago branch of the Central States Bridge Co., of Indianapolis, Ind.

Toronto—Alfred Kimball Haywood, '08, has returned from Pittsburg to take an internship in the Toronto general hospital.

Washington & Lee—S. Ruffin Horne, '99, is a member of the firm of H. R. Horne & Sons, pharmacists, Fayetteville, N. C.

Ohio—Hiram E. Dickason, '77, was recently elected to the position of auditor of The W. J. Hamilton Coal Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Ohio—Albert Leonard, '88, is superintendent of public schools at New Rochelle, N. Y., and editor of the *Journal of Pedagogy*.

Toronto—Hartley V. Burroughs, '10, is traveling among the Southern university state libraries for the Cromarty Law Book Co.

Vanderbilt—Edward H. West, who has been in government work has gone to Ducktown, Tenn., to accept an important mining position.

Ohio—Charles F. Heizer, '99, is assistant general foreman of the testing department of the General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

Ohio Wesleyan—Charles M. Earhart, '01, is attorney for the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, with offices at 561 The Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio.

Wabash—Royal H. Gerard, '95, has been chosen supreme chief of the Tribe of Ben Hur to succeed his father the late David W. Gerard.

Southwestern—John E. Quarles, who for some time was lost to the chapter, is located at New Orleans, La., with the Union Brokerage Co.

Butler—Zach. C. Sanderson, '07, is located at 323 East 23rd. Street, Chicago, and represents Longman's, Green & Co., publishers, New York.

Butler and Chicago—Walter A. Lybrand, '07, is a member of the law firm Snyder, Owen & Lybrand, 210½ Main Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ohio—John A. Ely, '05, is president and treasurer of the Crown Novelty Co., manufacturers of leather advertising novelties, Newark, N. J.

Lombard and Iowa—Albert O. Wakefield, '07, is a member of the law firm of Pendleton & Wakefield, 511-513 Iowa Building, Sioux City, Iowa.

Central—George V. Triplett, Jr., '07, has resigned as special assistant United States attorney and opened a law office in his home city, Owensboro, Ky.

Indiana—Henry W. Ruoff, '90, is chief editor for the Frontier Press Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Brother Ruoff is the author of several books of reference.

Ohio State—Howard G. Seldomridge, '10, is professor of English expression in the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Okla.

Williams—W. Allan Newell, '05, is treasurer and manager of the Newell Manufacturing Co., with plants at both Ogdensburg, N. Y., and Prescott, Ont.

Wisconsin—Wardon A. Curtis, '90, is the author of an article in *The Independent* for December 30, 1909, entitled "What is the Matter with Farming."

Wisconsin—Raymond F. Storer, '09, is growing rice in Southern Arkansas. He claims that the profits are 50 per cent each year on the total investment.

Wabash—Will H. Hays, '00, is the leading candidate for the chairmanship of the republican committee of the second congressional district of Indiana.

DePauw—Francis I. Stultz, '99, chairman of the Republican committee of the eleventh congressional district of Indiana will succeed himself without opposition.

Wisconsin—Milton Updegraff, '84, is astronomer of the navy at the Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C. He is the director of the *National Almanac*.

Vermont—Frederic F. Lincoln, '97, is president of the Cement Age Co., which publishes *Cement Age*, Hudson Terminal Building, 30 Church Street, New York.

Brown—J. Howard Alger, '09, is with the sales department of the Aluminum Company of America. His address is 501 Sixth Avenue, New Kensington, Pa.

Northwestern—Elmer F. Blu, '05, has become a member of the law firm of Crasweller, Crassweller & Blu, with offices in the Exchange Building, Duluth, Minn.

Dartmouth—Almorin O. Caswell, '92, formerly superintendent of the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Boston, is now superintendent of schools in Marblehead, Mass.

Lombard—Edwin B. Cunningham, '10, is now connected with the Munroe Drug Co. of Quincy, in the capacity of traveling salesman. His territory is western New York.

Ohio—Charles H. Grosvenor, '70, ex-congressman Eleventh Ohio district, was recently appointed chairman of the Chickamauga National Park Commission by President Taft.

Wisconsin—Horatio G. Winslow, '04, is on the editorial staff of *Judge*. The students of the University of California recently presented one of his dramas with great success.

Westminster—Chrisman Swope, '00, was one of the victims of the plot which resulted in the death by poison of several members of the Swope family in Kansas, Mo., recently.

Michigan—Frank T Faxon, '97, was married January 24 to Miss Aloysia Donahue at Kansas City, Mo.; they are at home after February 7 at the Nassau Apartments, Kansas City.

Allegheny—Clarence F. Ross, '91, head of the department of Latin in Allegheny has an article entitled "Roman Milestones" in the January-February number of *Records of the Past*.

Iowa Wesleyan—Gardner Cowles, '82, founder of Low a Beta, is managing editor of the Des Moines *Register and Leader*, and the *Evening Tribune*, the biggest newspapers in Iowa.

Wabash—Alexander G. Cavins, '93, assistant attorney general of Indiana, is being urged by his friends to make the race for the Republican nomination for attorney general of the state.

Dartmouth—Edwin Osgood Grover, '94, who published the first collection of "Dartmouth Songs" ten years ago, has recently published a new revised edition which is having a large success.

Lombard—John C. Weigel, '08, is doing exceptionally good work as a member of the faculty of the University high school, Chicago. He intends taking up work in the school of education.

Gettysburg—Percival S. Heintzelman, '01, after a year in Shanghai and Peking, has returned to Washington and is assistant chief of the bureau for far eastern affairs in the state department.

McGill—Alan H. N. Kennedy, '08, is associated with his father in the practice of medicine at Macleod, Alberta. He leaves this spring for a years post graduate study in London and Edinburg.

Idaho—Homer David, '01, was recently married to Miss Marguerite Connaughton of Missoula, Mont. After the wedding trip they returned to Moscow, where Brother David is engaged in business.

Lombard—Geo. L. Ross, '09, has accepted a position with the O. T. Johnson Company of Galesburg. Brother Ross will have charge of the credit department. The store which employs him is the largest in the city.

Illinois—Fred M. Zilly, '00, has recently acquired an interest in the wholesale stationery house of Irwin Hodson Co., of Portland, Ore., and is their traveling representative for northern Oregon and southwestern Idaho.

Washington U.—Charles A. Bohn, '92, has removed from Chihuahua, Mexico, to 165 Broadway, New York. He is still with the American Smelting & Refining Co., having spent several years with that company in Mexico.

Idaho—Charles W. Colver, '09, was married to Miss Katherine Sinclair of Moscow, Ida., December 22. After a trip to Brother Colver's old home in Idaho Falls, Ida., the couple returned to Moscow to make their home.

North Carolina—Alexander C. Shaw, '88, recently law officer of the forestry bureau of the department of the interior was one of the adherents of Chief Forester Pinchot whose resignation was demanded by President Taft.

Nebraska—Frank C. Buila, '08, is editor and manager of *The Western Trader*, a monthly illustrated journal published at Omaha, Neb., and devoted to the jobbing and commercial interests of the Trans-Mississippi country.

Dartmouth—Edwin Osgood Grover, '94, who is now vice president of Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, has recently opened an office for his firm at 24 West 39th Street, New York. Brother Grover is engaged in educational and art publishing.

Vanderbilt—Jo Prichard, a member of Vanderbilt football team who gained quite a reputation in the football world a few years ago, has decided to become a missionary to Africa and has already sailed to that country to take up his work.

Iowa Wesleyan—John F. Riggs, '85, is completing a term of office as state superintendent of schools in Iowa. Under his administration many valuable improvements have been made. All friends of good schools in Iowa hope that he will accept another nomination.

Iowa Wesleyan and *Iowa*—Daniel S. Smith, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '08, is in the sales department of the Idaho Irrigation Co., with headquarters at Shoshone, Ida. He and Lawrence R. Hagler, *Iowa*, '11, batch together and visiting This will always find the latch string out and a hearty Phi welcome within.

Missouri—John E. Tiedeman, '99, who has been secretary of the Downtown Lightning association of St. Louis for a number of years has resigned his position to become the Berlin correspondent of the *New York Herald*. Brother Tiedeman was formerly connected with the *St. Louis Republic* for several years.

Franklin—Edward L. Stevenson, '81, who has been professor of history at Rutgers College for the last twenty years has received a call to become executive secretary of the Hispanic Society of America. He has accepted it and the trustees of Rutgers College have granted him leave of absence until September.

Minnesota—James Thompson, Jr., '04, was appointed in March 1909, traveling expert in the bureau of plant industry, United States department of agriculture, in the states of California, Oregon and Washington with headquarters in Wheatland, Cal., where he is also superintendent of the government experiment fields on the E. C. Horst hop ranch.

California—A recent number of *Sunset* shows a picture of Post Street, San Francisco, with the Foxcroft Building in the foreground. This building is a modern ten-story structure and is owned by The Holmes Investment Co., of which C. Edward Holmes, '89, is president, E. Clarence Holmes, '95, is vice president and George D. Kierulff, '96, is secretary and treasurer.

Iowa and Chicago—Herbert M. Harwood, '09, is editor of the *Daily Iowan*, the student paper at the University of Iowa. The paper appears every day, including Sundays, gets out special editions concerning local affairs and extras after football games and athletic victories. It is one of the best college papers in the country and Brother Harwood is largely responsible for its popularity.

Wabash—The list of prominent Phis published in the February *Palladium* included the name of Robert H. Crozier, '03, as president of Lake Forest College. This was an error. Until recently Brother Crozier was secretary of Lake Forest University but resigned to go back into railroad work. He is now with the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad, his address being the Commercial Club Building, Portland, Ore.

Nebraska—William H. Hayward, '97, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for congressman from the first district of Nebraska. Brother Hayward is secretary of the Republican national committee and if elected to congress will be an insurgent recruit. He declares that if the tariff bill is not a complete redemption of the platform pledges, it should be amended, opposes the re-election of Cannon as speaker and favors the revision of the house rules.

North Carolina and Minnesota—Hugh H. Bennett, *North Carolina*, '03, and Marcellus C. Sheild, *Minnesota*, '08, have recently returned from Panama. Brother Bennett, who is an expert of the bureau of soil, department of agriculture, went to the Isthmus for the purpose of testing the productive qualities of the soil there. Brother Sheild made the trip with the house committee on appropriations which examined the canal estimates with a view to the appropriation for the canal construction for the next fiscal year.

Kansas—Dudley Black, '03, is in the engineering department of the U. S. R. S. and is located at Huntley, Mont. Though this town is only three years old, there are three other Phis located there, Samuel E. Dove, *DePauw*, '01, James G. Haw, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '07, and Edwin M. Smith, *Georgia Tech*, '07. Brother Smith is assistant cashier of the First National Bank and at the same time owns a homestead adjacent to the one owned by Brother Haw. “Φ Δ Θ,” scratched on Smith's tobacco pouch, revealed the fact to Brother Haw that they were more than neighbors.



Nebraska—George W. Gerwig, '89, for seventeen years secretary of the Allegheny board of school controllers, has been appointed census supervisor for Allegheny County (Pittsburg) Pennsylvania. The appointment was unsolicited and unexpected and was made in recognition of the appointee's fitness for the work. Brother Gerwig has been in educational work ever since graduation from college and besides lecturing is the author of a number of books including “The Art of Short Story.” He is co-author of “Steps in English,” a text book which is widely used.

HELLENIC.

Items of news suitable for this department should be sent direct to the Assistant Editor, instead of being included in chapter letters.

II K A has entered Missouri.

Southern K A has revived its chapter at Centenary College, Louisiana.

New sorority chapters: II B Φ at Arkansas, Γ Φ B at Idaho, K Δ and Φ M Γ at Louisiana.

Houses owned by fraternities are becoming common at Virginia. The latest fraternity to build there is X Φ.

Σ N has entered Washington State College. It is the second fraternity to establish a chapter there, K Σ having entered last year.

Since June two more fraternities, K Σ and Θ Δ X have rented houses, making eight fraternities now in houses.—Brown correspondent, Δ T Δ *Rainbow*.

About one-third of the students at Alabama Polytechnic Institute are members of the eleven fraternities, national and local, maintaining chapters there.—K Σ *Caduceus*.

Trinity College, North Carolina, one of the oldest and most heavily endowed of all the southern colleges, supports but four fraternities—K A, A T Ω, II K A and Σ Φ E.

The correspondent of the *Beta Theta Pi* at Tulane says the Beta chapter there establishes a precedent in occupying a house, and that "It is authentically rumored that one or two fraternities will follow suit."

The B Θ II club at 46 East 25th Street, New York, has three classes of members—resident, at \$20 a year (\$10 a year for the first three years out of college), suburban, (those who live and have their places of business within the 50-mile zone but outside the metropolitan district), \$10; and non-resident, \$5.

The Δ K E *Quarterly* says that "over 300 Dekes signed the registry" of the Δ K E convention at Philadelphia last November, and that at the dinner complimentary to Commander Peary, held at the Hotel Astor in New York City last December, 600 Dekes welcomed the man who had unfurled the flag of Δ K E at the north pole.

A K K, medical, has entered Western Reserve. Φ Δ Φ, legal, having entered the Pittsburg Law School and the University of Texas now has 43 chapters. T B II, honorary engineering, having entered Cornell, now has 23 chapters. Δ Σ P, the debating fraternity, now has 21 chapters, the last having been established recently at Harvard.

There are about 250 or 300 fraternity men in the City of Mexico, and I am glad to say that I have met about 15 Sigma Nus. We organized an inter-fraternity banquet, and, as we published it in the papers, we were able to get about 40 men to take part in the banquet. I wish I could say that Sigma Nus were the most numerous that night, but the Phis were ahead of us. Nevertheless all were Sigma Nus that occupied the honor seats. We have a fine University Club here.—City of Mexico correspondence, Σ N *Delta*.

THE SCROLL for January contained a review of "Old Miami; The Yale of the Early West," by Alfred H. Upham, professor of English in

Miami University. As mentioned in the review, the book contains an account of the expulsion from Ohio Alpha of two members and the resignation of three in 1851. In the *American College* for December, Professor Upham again relates the incident, telling it in the form of a story under the title "The Schooling of Gid. McNutt: A Mid-Century Episode in the Life of a Fresh-Water College."

The records of the Nebraska chapter of $\Phi\ B\ K$ show that the local fraternity $\Lambda\ \Theta\ X$, founded in 1895, has 25 members, almost a fifth of the whole number of men in the society; $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ has 9; $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$, 7; $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$, 6; $A\ T\ \Omega$, 3; $\Delta\ T$, 2; $\Sigma\ X$ and $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, 1 each. This includes few "book-worms"; it includes "N" men in baseball and football, a captain of track team, captains of drill, several editors, leading men in senior dramatics, members of English and German clubs, class orators and a large proportion of those making debate teams.— $\Delta\ \Gamma\ Anchora$.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen.—The *Journal of Southern K. A.* Absence gives friends much concern. When last seen, in June, 1909, was attired in a very vivid red suit. Apparently was then in good health and spirits. Speaks with a pronounced southern accent. Need not be sought north of the Mason and Dixon line, but may be found as far west as California. Some years ago was abducted by one Verner M. Jones, of Nashville, but managed to escape. Rumored to have been caught by him again, but may have died of the hookworm disease or of pellagra. Suitable reward for a photograph, lock of hair or other evidence of being yet alive.—*Advt.*, it.—D. H.

Anent a decision by the supreme court of Maine, holding, on account of the peculiar relation of the University of Maine to the State, that a chapter house on the university campus was subject to taxation, THE SCROLL for November contained an editorial suggesting that fraternity men everywhere should unite their efforts to secure the enactment of statutes in the various states which would exempt fraternity chapter houses from taxation, like the statutes on the subject in Indiana and Delaware. This editorial has been copied by a number of our esteemed contemporaries and seemingly has met with their approval. The editor of the *K\Sigma Caduceus*, however, says: "It is with deep regret that the *Caduceus* beholds THE SCROLL of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ calling upon 'fraternity men everywhere' to attempt such an unpatriotic and low piece of business as tax dodging." First, we should record our due appreciation of the fine courtesy shown in this expression. We may observe that if that is the way the *K\Sigma* editor regards the matter he might also accuse all colleges in the country of being tax dodgers, because they take advantage of statutes which exempt all of their property. Many colleges have unions or social organizations whose club houses are of course not taxed. Fraternity houses are essentially college dormitories; they are usually conducted under some sort of faculty supervision or oversight; in many places they are built on campus sites, and some institutions lend endowment funds for their erection. If any *K\Sigma* chapter has a house on college grounds we venture the opinion that the chapter is not asking that the building be assessed for taxation; and if the editor of the *Caduceus* so advises we opine that the chapter will pay little attention to his advice. As regards the reasons for exempting a chapter house, the same reasons apply to such a house whether it is located on or outside the campus.

$\Delta\ T$ held its diamond jubilee convention in Boston last November. The convention adopted a new constitution under which the fraternity is to be incorporated. A committee was appointed to consider uniform chapter accounting and another to consider a new coat-of-arms. An invitation from the coast chapters and California alumni to hold the next convention in San Francisco was enthusiastically accepted. $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$, $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ and $K\ \Sigma$ have held conventions in Denver; $\Delta\ \Sigma\ \Delta$, a medical fraternity, has held one at Seattle; and one or two sororities, we now do not recall which, have held conventions on the coast, but the convention of $\Delta\ T$ at San Francisco next September will be Farthest West for any general fraternity for men. The Boston convention received applications for charters from the following organizations: $\Theta\ E$, University of Maine; $\Phi\ T$, Pennsylvania State College; $I\ \Delta$, University of Washington; Paradise Club, Franklin and Marshall College; Amici Fidicimi, University of Utah, and a local society at Iowa State College. None of these applications was granted, being defeated, the *Quarterly* says, by "a minority wing of 'stand patters' in the fraternity," though "the western applicants were all held over for further investigation and action when the convention meets at San Francisco." Judging from the following account in the *Quarterly*, the rejection of all applications caused much dissatisfaction:

There was a sharp conflict on the floor, and no new charters were granted. It is useless to repeat the discussion. Two things stand out clear as needful to insure healthy and safe growth—greater publicity as to petitioning bodies before convention, and some method of legislation whereby a small minority cannot wilfully thwart the desires of a large majority, without presenting logical and forcible arguments to substantiate their position.

The most profound argument raised by the opponents to granting a charter to one of the petitioners, whose cause had been earnestly advocated by more than a dozen undergraduates and alumni, was that a certain college professor of their acquaintance was said to have declined the presidency of this institution, and "if he wasn't willing to go there Delta Upsilon ought not." What a colossal farce such argument makes of the serious attempts at investigation by the council! How utterly it casts to the wind the earnest opinion of alumni who by reason of experience and a closer knowledge of local conditions are better able to formulate judgment! How completely is the convention in all its deliberations the sport of one or two men whom caprice or prejudice may control!

This ought to stop. Reorganization is in the air. Let us begin here. Let the chapters, especially those nearest the petitioning societies, make searching investigations as to college and society standing; let alumni in a position to do so contribute their sum of accurate information; let these reports be sent out at once by the executive council to all the chapters; let the statements therein, if debatable, be challenged by the opposition; let there be the fullest light and the fullest discussion *before* convention, so that the casting of the die may not be determined by a mythical college professor who is alleged to have received a tentative offer of the presidency of the institution and to have declined.

The editor of the *Quarterly* calls attention to a statement issued by the Harvard chapter of $\Delta\ T$, which says in part:

For a man to keep healthy mentally, physically and morally means that he must grow. He grows by exercise and the absorption of new oxygen, new experiences, the formation of new points of contact with the life around him. And so with a fraternity, a great composite man, it must keep healthy to do its work. How is this to be done in repose? New points of contact are as necessary here as before; new blood must be absorbed and assimilated. This means for the chapter new members, and for the fraternity new members; in this case, chapters. If we can believe this, and the great majority do, we must devise means to bring it about.

We have seen, those of us who have been privileged to attend conventions, how a majority composed of nearly all the chapters, together with many graduates, well informed and eager to work for the best interests of the fraternity, have been effectually blocked by a small minority again and again. In a convention of this organization, as in any legislative body, the majority should rule.

We need differences of opinion. We need hot debate, for in this way always are the merits and faults best brought under the scrutiny which all sincere men desire. But the cry that we must have absolute uniformity, as though men were turned out like so many gross of German toys, may be dismissed as unworthy the consideration of those who want genuine progress.

COLLEGES OFFERING FREE SITES FOR CHAPTER HOUSES.

Fraternities established at the following colleges and universities are offered free building sites for chapter houses on long leases at nominal rentals:

Colby	Miami
Union	Northwestern
Lafayette	Lombard
Gettysburg	Washington U.
Lehigh	Sewanee
Pennsylvania State	Tulane
Virginia	

The following institutions encourage the building of chapter houses are offered free building sites for chapter houses on college grounds on long leases at nominal rentals:

Lafayette	Northwestern
Lehigh	Virginia

The amount of financial aid offered differs; at Lehigh it is 40 per cent, and at Virginia it is two-thirds of the cost of the building. If there are other institutions which offer building sites without cost, or offer to make loans for chapter houses, we should be glad to be informed by any of our esteemed contemporaries or by any reader of THE SCROLL.

Φ Δ Θ owns houses at seven of the thirteen institutions mentioned above—Lafayette, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania State, Miami, Northwestern, Lombard and Sewanee. Our chapter at Lafayette, like chapters of other fraternities that have built houses there, secured a loan from the college. Northwestern only last fall and Lehigh even more recently have offered free sites on university grounds and also loans for chapter houses. Φ Δ Θ bought a house near the Northwestern campus several years ago, and it is now the only fraternity there that owns a house, with the exception of Σ N which purchased a house last year. Our chapters at Colby, Union, Lehigh, Virginia, Washington U. and Tulane may be expected to take advantage, some of them very soon, of the offers of free sites at these six institutions, and of loans that are offered at Lehigh and Virginia.

CONFessions OF A PSI UPSILON.

Ψ T is a small, so-called conservative, self-styled exclusive, and really very snobbish fraternity. At the Inter-Fraternity Conference last November, Ψ T and Δ Ψ were conspicuous by their absence. Ψ T has made several attempts to publish a journal but has never been able to support one. Its members, therefore, have no vehicle for the expression of their views regarding questions of fraternity policy. When a Psi U has something of the kind on his mind, it is somewhat comical to see him driven to the necessity of airing his views through the medium of a sorority magazine. So it is that we read with amused interest an article on "The New Spirit in Our Universities," by Dr. C. M. Moss, Ψ T, professor of Greek at the University of Illinois, published in the

Crescent of the $\Gamma\Phi\Beta$ sorority. He utters the following lament: "Years and years ago $\Psi\Tau$ 'turned down' a fine body of young men at Williams. Conservative, of course. And $\Psi\Tau$ has been shedding tears ever since!" He also laments the fact that $\Psi\Tau$ is a sectional fraternity, confined mainly to the East, saying: "As I look over our alumni list, and see how many of the members live in a few cities, and how sparsely the rest are scattered over this great country, it seems to me an open bid for alumni to forget what they once felt." He declares that it would be well for "some of the better fraternities" not only to enter but to "seek opportunity to enter some of these established and powerful state universities of the West, possibly some well known colleges." He especially mentions "those two lusty young giant institutions"—the University of Washington and the University of Oregon. As an illustration of the ignorance more or less common in the East regarding the marvellous development of western institutions, Dr. Moss, himself "an easterner, eastern trained," says:

I was sitting with an editor of a great eastern daily not long since, who asked me some questions about the University of Illinois, and the state of college and university education in the west. When I told him what our income is, the number of students, the character of the campus, buildings, etc., and the aims of the university as I see them, it made no impression upon him. He could not believe what I was saying, nor imagine anything like it, and showed his disbelief plainly.

Dr. Moss proceeded to enlighten further his conservative Psi U brother, who was not only so ignorant but so incredulous about the educational development of the West:

My friend, mentioned above, stood open eyed when I told him that there are more college students in Illinois now than in the whole United States when he graduated. He has been repeating "conservative" so long that he had no eye to see that even that word has a relative significance. So a fellow member of my fraternity, when told recently that if we were as "conservative" now as when he and I were in college, we ought to have 181 chapters, he merely said, "Impossible." A moment later he said: "I never thought of that." So far as I can see the word is chiefly a confession that the machinery of the organization is not capable of working beyond a certain little limit already reached.

That last sentence is about the best description we have ever seen of "conservatism" of the variety that $\Psi\Tau$ and a few other small fraternities prate so much about. Dr. Moss is not blinded by prejudice; realizing the wonderful changes of recent years and the still greater possibilities in the near future he says: "The country, and with it the college world, is growing with such bewildering swiftness that any organization that stands still must seem like a railway train disappearing in the distance. It grows less and less because the other facts are enlarging."

COLLEGIATE.

Items of news more suitable for this department than for chapter letters should be sent direct to the Assistant Editor.

Amherst has a new comic magazine, *The Four Leaf Clover*.

Stanford has decided to abandon rowing, and California finds itself without a competitor in this branch of athletics.— $\Phi\Kappa\Psi$ *Shield*.

The cost of caring for the 2212 students at Kansas last year was \$298,000 and is said to be the lowest of any of the middle western state universities.

The University of Missouri, with the exception of its agricultural department, has been placed on the accepted list of the Carnegie foundation fund for the pensioning of teachers.

Last summer the University of Wisconsin sent a baseball team to Japan to play Keio and Waseda universities. This winter Tulane sent a football team to Cuba to play the University of Havana.

The universities of Kansas and Missouri are planning to erect an athletic stadium together, and committees from them are looking over the sites in Kansas City, which will be convenient to both institutions.—*The American College.*

An aero club has been formed at Cornell, and over 100 students have joined already. It plans to petition the trustees that a course of aviation be offered, and an effort will be made to raise enough funds for building a heavier-than-air machine.

Tulane has added a department of dentistry. Stanford has added a department of medicine. Michigan has started a course in landscape gardening. Nebraska has added a department of Swedish language and literature. Kansas has established a bureau which gives advice to cities on municipal problems including sanitation and road making. A fellowship of \$150,000 has been established in the department of industrial chemistry at Kansas for studying the treatment of wood with reference to furniture making.

The following institutions have raised the total amounts stated, being assisted by the Rockefeller General Education Board to the extent of the smaller amounts mentioned. Union, \$100,000, total \$400,000; Richmond, \$150,000, total \$500,000; Mercer, \$75,000, total \$300,000; Wabash, \$50,000, total \$200,000; Knox, \$50,000, total \$250,000; Washington U., \$200,000, total \$1,000,000. The following institutions will receive from the same board the amounts stated on condition that the larger amounts be secured: Vermont, \$100,000 toward \$500,000; Williams, \$100,000 toward \$1,000,000; Brown, \$50,000, toward \$200,000 for the woman's college; Ohio Wesleyan, \$125,000 toward \$500,000.

Williams has a new dormitory in which 60 men are accommodated, and on the lower floor there is a commons, where 120 men are boarded. The college has been presented with a fire-proof infirmary and a new auditorium. The alumni house opened last fall will remain open all the year for the entertainment of alumni and friends of the college who visit Williamstown. Amherst has a new \$150,000 biological laboratory. A \$125,000 gymnasium is being erected at Dartmouth. Purdue has a new gymnasium with a main floor 160 x 80 feet, a swimming pool 60 x 30 feet and a running track with 13 laps to the mile. By bequest of the late Arthur Hill, a regent of the university, Michigan has received \$200,000 for an auditorium. R. P. Lamont, class of '91, has given to Michigan land east of the observatory, bordering on the arboretum, which should always insure a sky line free from smoke and dust. He has also given a large sum toward the 37-inch reflecting telescope, which is progressing toward completion and furnished funds to start the construction of a 24-inch refracting telescope upon which work has begun. Ground was broken at Chicago in January for the \$700,000 library, which will be completed in May, 1911, and which will provide for 400,000 and ultimately for 800,000 books. A new \$200,000 building, to be known as Abraham Lincoln Hall, has been commenced

at Illinois. The new biology building at Wisconsin is to be erected facing the Lincoln statue on the upper campus. A new wing of the engineering building is to be completed this spring. The dental building at Minnesota was burned last Christmas. Plans have been received for the first wing of the new main building at Kansas which will cost \$50,000. Andrew Carnegie has given the University of the South \$60,000 for a science hall, and J. Pierpont Morgan \$50,000 toward the endowment fund. A \$40,000 chemistry building is being erected at the University of Washington. Oregon has a new \$25,000 gymnasium for men, and the old gym will be used by the coeds.

CHINESE BOXER INDEMNITY STUDENTS.

China may be backward, unenlightened nation in some respects, but she takes a very advanced method of spending the Boxer indemnity fund, amounting to \$11,000,000, which was returned by the United States because it was not needed to cover the losses suffered by Americans during the Boxer uprising in 1900. The money will be expended in providing for the education in the United States of a large number of young Chinese. Forty-seven have already arrived and entered various institutions, to remain five years; next year 153 will come, then 100 for two years, and after that 50 a year for 25 years. Each of those who have come successfully passed a competitive examination in China on the following subjects:

First day—Chinese literature and composition.

Second day—English literature and composition.

Third and fourth days—No examination.

Fifth day—Results of preliminary examination announced. By this the number of 600 students who applied for the scholarships was reduced to about 80, and these were allowed to proceed with the examination.

Sixth day—Algebra, plane geometry, German, French, and Latin.

Seventh day—Solid geometry, physics, American history and English history.

Eighth day—Trigonometry, chemistry, and history of Rome and Greece.

The Washington Post says that the young Chinese "may not prove to be great football players," but a glance at the subjects of examination indicate that the Orientals "will certainly show some of their American fellow students a trick or two in the more important, if less seriously considered, branches of education."

HARVARD RADICALLY RESTRICTS HER ELECTIVE SYSTEM.

In 1860 all institutions of learning in the United States, with the exception of the University of Virginia, had a regular four-year curriculum, with practically no options. Latin, Greek, mathematics, logic, and philosophy made up the main subjects. Almost everywhere there is now some freedom of choice. For the last thirty years the name of President-Emeritus Eliot has been intimately associated with the growth of the elective system, and Harvard has pushed it to the last point, for it may be said that there is no such thing as a prescribed course in Cambridge.

The next academic year will witness a radical change in Harvard's elective system. This change has come about largely through the instrumentality of President Lowell, who believes that the existing system is too haphazard to be continued with the greatest prospect of benefit to all undergraduates. The system is to be replaced by a rule

to the effect that the electives taken during the freshman year will determine, quite largely, the electives open to the undergraduate thereafter in his academic course.

If he selects a course in mathematics for his freshman year he must select mathematical courses sufficiently to show a continuation of his elective during the remainder of his college course. If he chooses history as his freshman elective, then he must continue his historical studies for his baccalaureate degree. If he begins the study of languages while a freshman, then he must complete his education in languages as an upper classman.

In administering these general rules for the choice of electives by candidates for a degree, exceptions will be made freely in the case of earnest men who desire to change at a later time the plans made in their freshman year. Liberal allowances will be made for students who show that their courses are well distributed, even though they may not conform exactly to the rules laid down for distribution. In making exceptions to the rules, a man's previous training and outside reading are to be taken into account.

COLUMBIA'S AMAZING EXPANSION.

Columbia University in the City of New York has announced that it will establish a school of agriculture on a large scale. It seems strange that such a school should be connected with a university in the largest city of the country, but it is a significant sign of the times. Plans for the establishment of such a two-year course in agriculture have been drawn by F. A. Goetze, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, dean of the engineering schools; Prof. C. C. Curtis, head of the department of botany, and George T. Powell, an agriculturist. A prospectus of the course has recently been published. It calls attention to the fact that "The millions of population of the metropolitan district have opportunities for preparation in almost every line of industrial, commercial and professional calling, but practically none in securing a training in agriculture."

The intention of the trustees to invest \$2,000,000 in a plant for the school indicates their expectations of future demands upon it. It is proposed to acquire at least 1,000 acres within reasonable distance of the city, erect buildings buy thoroughbred stock and the most up-to-date equipment for experimental purposes, as well as instruction. The courses will be designed so as to apply in the most practical manner to the requirements of farmers who live near an unlimited market. It is not expected that wheat or corn will be grown upon a large scale, but the students will be instructed how to plant and grow fruits, flowers, vegetables and hay, how to fatten cattle for market and produce milk, butter, eggs, poultry and the other produce that is in constant demand in the market of New York and other large cities in the state.

By bequest of the late John S. Kennedy, Columbia received \$2,250,000 a few months ago, and still more recently, it has received, by bequest of the late George Crocker, \$1,500,000, the interest on which shall be used in medical research, especially in a search for a remedy for cancer.

Columbia has received gifts amounting to more than \$1,000,000 for the purchase of lands, adjacent to the university on Morningside Heights, to be used for the new buildings of the medical school. The donors were William K. Vanderbilt, George J. Gould, Frank A. Munsey, and a fourth whose name was not made public. The site on which the medical

buildings are to be erected is the block between Morningside and Amsterdam avenues, 116th and 117th streets. Half of this block was bought recently at auction for \$230,000, and the remainder will probably soon be acquired. It is estimated that the total cost of the site, together with the cost of new buildings and equipment, will reach \$3,000,000. Part of this will be met by the sale of the old site of the medical school at 10th avenue and 59th street.

The new group of Union Theological Seminary buildings, on Broadway, between 120th and 122d Streets, is practically finished. Although these buildings do not conform in design to those of Teachers College, near by, or those of Columbia, they are part of the general university scheme. A working agreement recently entered into by the authorities of the seminary and the university makes it seem probable that in time the seminary will become an integral part of the university, known as the theological school of Columbia.

According to present plans, the proposed Hudson-Fulton memorial gateway and the Columbia stadium and athletic field are to be erected side by side on the shore of the Hudson River, extending from 114th to 120th streets. According to present estimates, the stadium will cost \$1,000,000, and it will be one of the best equipped university stadiums in the country. The design of the stadium will probably be similar to that of the memorial gateway, and these structures will form one of the most imposing architectural features of New York City.

ACADEMIC CAPS, GOWNS AND HOODS.

American universities have adopted a uniform code of colors for academic caps, gowns and hoods. The colors signifying the different departments are generally appropriate to those departments. The hitherto uninitiated need not find difficulty in becoming sufficiently familiar with the arrangement to decide for himself what college, department of learning and degree are represented even in a long line of apparently confusing colors.

Bachelors of all departments wear gowns of black cloth. The gown of both masters and doctors may be of cloth but are preferably of silk. In style of cut however, they differ: Bachelors' gowns having long pointed sleeves, masters' gowns having a long closed sleeve with an opening near the top for the arm; while doctors' gowns are faced with velvet and have full round sleeves, bearing velvet bars either of black or the color of the college by which the degree was conferred.

The caps of all degrees are a copy of the regular Oxford cap, and differ only in the fact that a doctor may wear a gold tassel, while bachelors and masters wear black tassels.

Hoods of bachelors and masters differ only in the length; that of the master being a foot longer than that of the bachelor. The doctor, however, has a hood with a panel, which is generally outlined against the black of the gown, by an edge of silk, the color of the lining of the hood. It is in the hoods that we are given the display of colors; and by these colors alone are we enabled to tell what faculty of learning and what college are represented. The hoods are black, of the same material as the gown, but are lined with silk, the colors of the lining proclaiming the institution by which the degree was granted; and are faced with velvet, that color signifying the department of learning. The colors for

departments have been for the most part, selected for their historic significance or because they were appropriate to a particular department.

White, the color for arts and letters, was copied from the white fur used by Oxford and Cambridge for their B. A. degree.

Theology and divinity are represented by scarlet, the color used by cardinals for centuries, as representing the burning zeal of the church.

The purple used by the law comes from the royal purple used in kings' courts.

Blue is the color of truth and wisdom, hence is appropriately used for the faculty of philosophy.

Science is represented by gold-yellow to signify the wealth which that study has given to the world.

Green, the color used for the department of medicine was probably taken from the color of the herbs used by early medicine men in that science.

The department of pharmacy, closely allied with that of medicine, is represented by a particular shade of green, the olive.

The pink which represents music is a direct copy of the color used by Oxford doctors of music.

Russet, which is used by the faculty of forestry, was doubtless selected because that color was the favorite color of the merry English foresters.

The department of pedagogy, seeking after truth and wisdom, as is the department of philosophy, and a would-be inspiration to such seeking, has adopted a modification of the philosophy color, the light shade of blue.

Still other departments have adopted colors in an arbitrary fashion without reference to historic significance or any particular appropriateness. Thus the department of fine arts is represented by brown; dentistry by lilac; veterinary science by gray; library science by lemon; and commerce and accountancy by drab.—K Σ Triangle.

THE PYX.

News of interesting events, occurring after chapter letters have been forwarded, and as late as the 20th or 25th of the month preceding the month of publication, should be forwarded promptly, to appear in this department.

On October 30 last between fifty and sixty This were gathered to enjoy a banquet at Davenports in Spokane after the football game between the Universities of Idaho and Washington. The entire chapter of Idaho Alpha was present; seven or eight members of Washington Alpha and alumni from everywhere made up the balance, most of them being members of the Spokane Alumni Club, which had taken charge of the arrangements. No official business was transacted although the meeting was in the nature of an informal province convention. Brother A. M. Craven, *Iowa*, '88, presided.

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Active chapters and alumni clubs should at once elect delegates and alternates to the national convention to be held at Niagara Falls August 8 to 13 and should send to the editor of THE SCROLL the names and home addresses of those chosen.

We were unable to secure articles descriptive of our two new chapter houses in Alabama in time for this issue but they are promised for the May SCROLL.

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The first Phi to be awarded a Rhodes scholarship this year so far as we have learned is Brother Elmer Holmes Davis, *Franklin*, '10, who was appointed from Indiana in January. In a later issue of THE SCROLL we will present a biographical sketch and portrait of Brother Davis.

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"Those Kansas Editors," an article by Charles M. Harger, professor of journalism in the University of Kansas, published in *The Independent* of February 24, contains the following in regard to William Allen White, Kansas Alpha, '90:

White does not go in for paragraphs; furthermore, he does not spend every day in the office. He shuts himself up and writes magazine articles for the biggest of the publications. For his own paper he writes as long editorials as he thinks are needed—and they are telegraphed to city papers, because they are so well done and so readable. He wrote a considerable part of the first draft of his new novel, "A Certain Rich Man," at the rate of 30,000 words a week, which is pretty swift work. Thirteen years ago White left some "time copy" on the hook in the office of his paper, the Emporia *Gazette*, and went to Colorado for a vacation. The piece was "What's the Matter with Kansas?" Eastern editors re-published it; the Republican National Committee issued a million copies of it for the campaign—and its writer was famous. When he came home from Europe the other day two thousand of his fellow townsmen met him at the station with a band, banners and what Kansas calls "low-necked hacks." There was speech making in the public park, the orators representing characters from "A Certain Rich Man." Nowhere but in Kansas would such a program be carried out. Of his earlier books, "The Court of Boyville" has taken a place among classic boy stories of today.

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For many years the last number of THE SCROLL issued before the end of the college year has contained a record of the deaths of Phis who have died during the year. The final number of THE SCROLL is now issued in May. The editor asks that the name and date and place of death of any Phi known to have died during the past year be reported to him. Short biographical sketches are also acceptable.

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Brother George M. Rommel reports rapid progress in the work of preparing the annual letters and year book. The printer has purchased an additional linotype to be devoted exclusively to this work until it is finished. It is likely that the year book will be issued much earlier this year than ever before.

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This issue of THE SCROLL is mailed March 5. If it does not reach you promptly, kindly advise the editor giving the date of receipt.

ALABAMA ALUMNA'S NEW CHAPTER HOUSE.



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ALABAMA ALPHA'S NEW HOUSE.

Alabama Alpha is the first of the nine fraternities at the University of Alabama to occupy a house of its own. We are, of course, proud of this but are more elated over the fact that we have a home at last and one which would do credit to any chapter.

To the loyal alumni who had only the memories of their college days and their love for the Fraternity to spur them to activity and to those of the active chapter in years past who succeeded in keeping alive the chapter house movement is due all the praise for the erection of our house. The slow but sure progress of chapters gone by did not assume definite proportions until 1904 but since that time the labors of the brothers have been unceasing and the rapid strides of the last few years culminated in the completion of the house in December, 1909.

Our house is situated on University Avenue about half way between the university and Tuscaloosa—a most admirable location. The lot was purchased in 1908 and we believe there is no lot to be had near the university as suitable as ours for a fraternity house.

The house is of the bungalow type with just enough stress laid on this style of architecture to present a most attractive exterior. The spacious veranda, running about three-fourths around the house, is built from the ground up with field stone and seven large columns of the same material support the veranda roof. The front door opens into the large living room and folding doors connect this room with the library. To the right of the library and joining the living room by a single door is the den. Back of these two rooms is the butler's pantry and we have so arranged that we can at any time add a dining room and kitchen in the rear. The boys at present take their meals near the house.

The big log fireplace at the left end of the living room and the corresponding one back of this, opening on the veranda,



LIVING ROOM, ALABAMA ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE.

give an air of comfort to the house. Large beams, about three feet apart, run across the ceiling of the living room and, with the hardwood floors and heavy mission effect, the down-stairs rooms are indeed imposing.

The second floor contains four large bedrooms and, while at present only eight boys occupy them, they will readily accommodate three boys each.

The third floor is the meeting room of the chapter which is a well-appointed room for the purpose. There is also a bedroom on this floor which accommodates two boys. Another room is the paraphernalia room, joining the meeting room on the left. A small portico extending to the front has proven to be a popular retreat for the boys during their leisure hours.

The house is steam-heated and there is also a fireplace in each room. The house is lighted by electricity. The den and the library are lighted by chandeliers, while the lights in the living room are suspended in square art glass shades.

Buff and brown are the colors of the exterior of the house, the shingles, which begin half way up, being stained brown. Every part of the house which is shingled is covered with broad, ash shingles from Oregon.

We are fortunate in having in Tuscaloosa some of the most loyal Phis to be found anywhere and we will never be able to pay the debt of gratitude we owe the present alumni house committee, Brothers W. B. Oliver, H. A. Snow and Frank M. Moody. All of these brothers live in Tuscaloosa and are in close touch with all the affairs of the chapter. They have done, and are still doing, more than their duty towards the chapter house and they have the sincerest thanks of all our brothers.

We want all our brothers to feel that their labors are deeply appreciated and we hope to extend the hospitality of the house to all Phis who may come our way.

LEON G. BROOKS, '10.

THE FIGHTING PHIS.

BY LELAND COPPOCK SPEERS, Washington and Lee, '97.

I do not believe that any other fraternity can boast of so many splendid army and navy officers as can dear old Phi Delta Theta. As a member of the staff of the *New York Times*, I have to a certain extent made a specialty of the army and navy

and the list that I have compiled represents a close study of the service registers of the War and Navy Departments. Most of these officers I know personally and what a splendid lot they are. Clean cut, bright, and almost to a man handsome. Just



BRIGADIER-GENERAL FREDERICK FUNSTON, KANSAS, '90.

imagine what a show they would make at Niagara Falls this coming Summer if it were possible to assemble them there.

Let's just take a look at the service afloat. There is Watt Tyler Cluverius, of Tulane, a survivor of the ill-fated *Maine*. One of the most promising officers of the entire service, and an honor graduate of Annapolis, Cluverius is a son-in-law of the

late Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, the commanding officer at Santiago. At present he is the engineer officer of the new battleship *Mississippi*.

Then there are Patton and De Steigeur, who roomed together at Annapolis, and who went around the world as executive officers, De Steigeur of the battleship *Connecticut*, the fleet flagship, and Patton of the battleship *Virginia*, the flagship of



WATT TYLER CLUVERIUS, TULANE, '95.
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. N.

the third division of Sperry's great armada. Here are three officers who if they live will some day reach the highest rank in the service, and of whom Phi Delta Theta can always boast with justifiable pride.

Just as promising as De Steigeur, Cluverius and Patton, is Raymond Stone, who is slated for the executive officer's job on one of the new American dreadnaughts. Stone comes from Alabama and is considered one of the most talented officers in

the Navy. These four lieutenant commanders are climbing the ladder abreast and all will be captains about the same time, and rear admirals too. Like De Steiger, Cluverius and Patton, Stone also went around the world, as navigating officer of the battleship *Louisiana*, the great sister ship of the flagship *Connecticut*.



LOUIS RUDOLPH DE STEIGEUR, OHIO, '87.
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. N.

Then the younger officers, Miller, Hayes and all the rest. Without exaggeration I think I can say that Hayes, who is a Kentuckian, and now on the scout cruiser *Birmingham*, is the handsomest young officer in the American Navy and I never knew a more enthusiastic Phi.

Funston of course heads the land fighters and everybody, who knows anything at all, knows all about the little general who captured Aguinaldo, an act that more than any other one thing resulted in the practical pacification of the Philippine Islands.

Then there is Chandler, who makes long trips in balloons, and who with Oury will soon be sailing around in Wright airships, and Major Russell the distinguished officer who is now connected with the great service schools at Fort Leavenworth.

These Army officers—and it is also true of the Navy men—represent every section of the United States. They are stationed in every part of the country, from the Military Academy at



CYRUS SUGG RADFORD, SEWANEE, '84.
Major, U. S. N.

West Point to the Presidio of San Francisco, and on to Honolulu, Alaska and the Far East. Captain Graham is one of the five aids of President Taft who have duties at the White House which means social distinction of great importance.

Of Phi Delta Theta's trio of Army engineers there are two who stand in the very forefront of their profession, Edgar Jadwin and Chester Harding. Both are majors and both are among the executive engineers in charge of the construction

of the Panama Canal, a work that has fittingly been termed the "World's Eighth Wonder." Jadwin was the first honor man of the class of 1890 at West Point, while Harding brought to the Fraternity the same great honor in the class of 1889.

The other day I was talking with Colonel Cronkhite, the artillery inspector of the Department of the East, in New York.



WENDELL LEE SIMPSON, LANSING, '81.
Major, Nineteenth Infantry, U. S. A.

I mentioned Jadwin and Harding and asked him if he knew them and he replied that he did.

"Do they amount to much?" I asked.

"Amount to much!" he answered. "Well, I should say they do. They are at the top of the heap. Why Jadwin is build-

ing the dam at Gatun, while Harding is the man who is doing the work at Culebra, the two most important assignments in the engineering problem on the Isthmus."

What an asset to a fraternity are officers such as these two, and both will be lieutenant colonels within a year. Gatun



EDGAR RUSSEL, MISSOURI, '82.
Signal Corps, U. S. A.

and Culebra, names that for all time will recall the greatest feat in engineering the world has ever seen, forever associated with their carers.

Then there is Bell, who until a little while since was an engineering instructor at West Point. He too is an honor graduate of the Military Academy and is coming fast. Just at the

present time he is on duty in the War Department at Washington, but rumor has it that he too, will soon be found in the column of honor that's digging the ditch through the Isthmus.

One of the most distinguished of the officers in the marine corps is Major Cyrus S. Radford, of the University of the South and the Naval Academy. From the beginning of his career in the Navy until the present day Radford's record has been typically strenuous. He graduated from the Naval Acad-



EDWARD ROMEO MORRIS, CORNELIUS, '79.
Major, Medical Corps, U. S. N.

emy in 1890 and was immediately as a midshipman ordered to the cruiser *Chicago* where he became an aid on the staff of Rear Admiral John G. Walker, then commanding the American fleet in South American waters. He was on the *Chicago* at the time of the threatened trouble with Chile and was one of the officers who served under the late Admiral "Jack" Philip, on board the battleship *Texas*, during the battle of Santiago.

After the Spanish War Radford was ordered to the Far East and for two years served with conspicuous ability in the suppression of the insurrection in the Philippine Islands. Com-

ing back to the United States in 1903, he went a little later to the Isthmus of Panama, where he was ordnance officer of the American forces during the revolution that brought Panama from under the yoke of Columbia into the family of nations as an independent republic. In the second occupation of Cuba, Radford again came to the front, that time as the ord-



GRAHAM L. L. JOHNSON, GEORGIA, '00.
Captain, Sixth Infantry, U. S. A. Aid on President Taft's Staff at the
White House.

nance officer of the Army of Cuban Pacification. At the present time Major Radford is the commanding officer of the marines at the League Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia. He is the author of what is probably the best known of all works on naval gunnery in which branch of the profession he stands in the forefront.

So one could go down the entire list and not a black mark would he find on the record of any of these 83 men, who today represent Phi Delta Theta in the armed service of our country. Here is the list and I believe, as I said in the beginning, that it is the biggest Army and Navy brotherhood that exists to-day.

THE ARMY.

General Officers

Brigadier General Frederick Funston, *Kansas*, '90.

Corps of Engineers.

Major Edgar Jadwin, *Lafayette*, '88.

Major Chester Harding, *Alabama*, '84.

Captain James F. Bell, *Washington & Jefferson*, '98.

Signal Corps.

Major Edgar Russell, *Missouri*, '82.

Captain Charles De F. Chandler, *Case*, '03.

Captain William H. Oury, *Nebraska*, '97.

Ordnance Department.

Captain Frederick W. Hinrichs, *Columbia*, '99.

Cavalry Arm.

Captain Samuel G. Jones, Eleventh Cavalry, *Sewanee*, '83.

First Lieutenant Vaughn W. Cooper, Twelfth Cavalry, *Vanderbilt*, '02.

First Lieutenant William A. McCain, Eighth Cavalry, *Mississippi*, '96.

First Lieutenant John G. Quackmeyer, Fifth Cavalry, *Mississippi*, '02.

First Lieutenant John H. Read, Jr., Third Cavalry, *Richmond*, '93.

First Lieutenant Dorsey Cullen, Third Cavalry, *Richmond*, '88.

First Lieutenant Richard H. Kimball, Eleventh Cavalry, *Texas*, '03.

Second Lieutenant George L. Converse, Fourteenth Cavalry, *Ohio State*, '04.

Second Lieutenant Carleton G. Chapman, Third Cavalry, *Mercer*, '02.

Artillery Arm.

Captain Adelno Gibson, Coast Artillery, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '02.

Captain Otho W. B. Farr, Field Artillery, *Colby*, '92.

Captain Robert B. McBride, Coast Artillery, *Georgia*, '86.

Captain Edward L. Glasgow, Coast Artillery, *Kansas*, '90.

Captain David Y. Beckham, Coast Artillery, *Central*, '96.

First Lieutenant George M. Morrow, Coast Artillery, *Virginia*, '01.

First Lieutenant Thomas L. Coles, Coast Artillery, *Alabama*, '04.

Infantry Arm.

Major Wendell L. Simpson, Nineteenth Infantry, *Michigan State*, '81.

Captain Henry M. Bankhead, Seventeenth Infantry, *Alabama*, '97.

Captain Vincent M. Elmore, Jr., Fifth Infantry, *Auburn*, '95.

Captain Charles J. Nelson, Twenty-fourth Infantry, *Auburn*, '97.

Captain Graham L. L. Johnson, Sixth Infantry, *Georgia*, '00.

Captain James M. Kimbrough, Twenty-seventh Infantry, *Emory*, '91.

Captain James B. Kemper, Eleventh Infantry, *Cincinnati*, '99.

Captain Frank B. Hawkins, Twenty-seventh Infantry, *Washington & Jefferson*, '96.

- Captain R. E. Beebe, Fourteenth Infantry, *Vermont*, '00.
 Captain William B. Cochran, Twenty-fourth Infantry, *V. M. I.*, '88.
 Captain Frank E. Bamford, Twenty-eighth Infantry, *Wisconsin*, '87.
 Captain Laurence A. Curtis, Twenty-second Infantry, *Wisconsin*, '94.
 First Lieutenant Albert Sidney Williams, Fifth Infantry, *Alabama*, '97.
 First Lieutenant Thaddeus B. Seigle, Twenty-seventh Infantry,
Gettysburg, '84.
 First Lieutenant Ernest H. Agnew, Sixth Infantry, *Kansas*, '98.
 First Lieutenant Allen W. Gullion, Second Infantry, *Center*, '01.
 First Lieutenant George W. Ewell, Third Infantry, *Kentucky State*, '02
 First Lieutenant Bruce R. Campbell, Second Infantry, *Kentucky*,
State, '03.
 First Lieutenant John W. Ward, Fifteenth Infantry, *Westminster*, '02.
 First Lieutenant Louis Farrell, Fifteenth Infantry, *Vanderbilt*, '99.
 First Lieutenant Guy E. Manning, Twelfth Infantry, *Washington & Lee*, '93; *Ohio Wesleyan*, '93.
 Second Lieutenant Edwin M. Watson, Eleventh Infantry, *Randolph-Macon and Washington & Lee*, '02.

The Medical Corps.

- Major James M. Kennedy, *South Carolina*, '84.
 Major Edward R. Morris, *Cornell*, '79.
 Captain Robert E. Noble, *Auburn*, '90
 Captain Allie W. Williams, *Auburn and Emory*, '92.
 Captain George H. Scott, *Lafayette*, '00.
 Captain John W. Hanner, *Vanderbilt*, '96.

West Point Cadets.

- Andrew W. Lent, *Union*, '04.
 Stephen W. Walmsley, *Wisconsin*, '08.
 David O. Byars, *Kentucky State*, '09.
 Charles P. Hall, *Mississippi*, '09.
 Richmond Gibson, *Missouri*, '13.

THE NAVY.

- Lieutenant Commander Louis R. DeSteiguer, *Ohio*, '87.
 Lieutenant Commander Watt Tyler Cluverius, *Tulane*, '95.
 Lieutenant Commander James Bryson Patton, *South Carolina*, '87.
 Lieutenant Commander Raymond Stone, *Alabama*, '91.
 Major Cyrus S. Radford, *Sewanee*, '84.
 Captain Frank C. Lander, *Purdue*, '97.
 Lieutenant John Paul Miller, *Kentucky State*, '03.
 Lieutenant Ross E. Rowell, *Idaho*, '05.
 Ensign Samuel G. Strickland, *Georgia*, '07.
 Ensign William P. Hayes, *Center*, '02.
 Ensign John S. McCain, *Mississippi*, '02.
 Ensign William H. Lee, *North Carolina*, '04.
 Ensign Kirkwood H. Donavin, *Ohio State*, '07.
 Midshipman Edmund D. Almy, *Kentucky State*, '06.
 Midshipman Walter D. Seed Jr., *Alabama*, '08.
 Paymaster D. M. Addison, *Gettysburg*, '95
 Surgeon Will M. Garton, *Iowa*, '96.
 Surgeon L. W. Spratling, *Auburn*, '86.
 Surgeon Charles M. DeValin, *V. M. I.*, '88.

Assistant Surgeon Edgar L. Woods, *Virginia*, '04.
 Assistant Surgeon William H. Ulsh, *Gettysburg*, '90; *Pennsylvania*, '93.

Assistant Surgeon Thurlow W. Reed, *Cornell*, '02.
 Passed Assistant Surgeon James R. Dykes, *Emory*, '94.

Annapolis Cadets.

John J. London, *North Carolina*, '02.
 Howard K. Lewis, *Idaho*, '07.
 Thomas J. Doyle, *Nebraska*, '13.

**JOINT CONVENTION OF GAMMA AND ETA
PROVINCES.**

For the first time Gamma and Eta Provinces convened jointly on March 25 at Birmingham, Ala., the great coal, iron and steel center, and the headquarters of Eta Province. The usual balmy weather that characterizes the South in the spring-time made the occasion most pleasant as it gave larger opportunities for outdoor entertainments and sightseeing. Though primarily a business meeting held from necessity in the last week of Lent, the Birmingham Alumni Club made things hum and with the assistance of some of the most beautiful of the women of the South made the social side of the convention one that will long be remembered.

All the delegates arrived on early trains Friday the 25th, a delegation from the Birmingham Alumni Club meeting all trains to escort the visitors to the convention headquarters. The active chapter of the University of Alabama arrived during the day with many visitors from Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. The city of Birmingham tendered the use of the large and handsomely furnished council chamber of the City Hall Building for the use of the convention, and, though built to accommodate a meeting of several hundred, the ten delegates and the Birmingham Alumni Club with their guests were not at all lost. The delegates were seated at desks arranged in a semi circle before the rostrum.

The meeting was called to order at eleven o'clock Friday morning by Monro B. Lanier, president of Eta Province, it having been decided that the two province presidents, W. R. Manier, Jr. of Gamma Province and M. B. Lanier, of Eta Province should alternate at the meetings as president and reporter. After the committee on credentials had reported the opening ceremony was performed with due solemnity.

Brother Hunter Smith, *Alabama*, '02, president of the Bir-

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Birmingham, Alabama, March 25-26, 1910.



mingham Alumni Club welcomed the visitors on behalf of the state, the city and the club, after which Brother Lanier, from the chair, made a short address, regretting that Brother Fred Coxe who has endeared himself to all the Southern Phis was unable to attend and Brother Ruick whose coming had been anticipated with much pleasure was unavoidably detained. At that moment a telegram from Brother Henderson, chapter house commissioner, arrived to say that he too was detained so the bi-province convention was launched without the aid of the guiding hand of those "higher up."

The first session was taken up entirely with detailed reports of chapters and charges from the chair to each delegate after reporting, giving advice and suggestions to him for his chapter. Now and then an alumnus would arise and for a few moments break the steady routine of business by remarks "in retrospect," sprinkled with humor and advice and glowing with enthusiasm. All present will remember the beautiful and inspiring talk of Brother Bankhead, *Alabama*, '93, one of the characteristic Southern gentlemen and loyal Phis who make fraternal associations, in the land of sunshine, flowers and hookworms (?), the delight that it is. Brother Carl A. Brown, *Alabama*, '02, an eloquent speaker of many a Phi banquet, gave all a treat in his talk on plans for the 1914 national convention.

After all committees had been appointed and correspondence read the closing ceremony was performed and the meeting adjourned to the Empire Café where the alumni club joined the convention at luncheon.

Brother R. C. Munger, Jr., of Virginia Beta and others took the visitors in automobiles to see the Chicago "Cubs" and Birmingham in the opening preliminary baseball games of the season. The rest of the club followed and joined the delegates at the ball park. After the game all were driven over the beautiful boulevards of the South Highlands, through the handsomest residence section of the city, which now ranks with any in the United States in splendor and architectural beauty.

At 8:30 P. M., all assembled at the Southern Club where seventy-five plates were laid for the alumni club banquet in honor of the delegates. The toastmaster of the occasion was Brother Frank White, *Alabama*, '98. His stories and quick sallies kept the banquet hall in an uproar. He introduced most gracefully and delightfully the following speakers: Rev.

Marvin T. Heflin, *Alabama*, '93, Phi Delta Theta Memories; Hinds Peavy, *Auburn*, '96, The Phi Delta Theta Goat; Hunter M. Smith, *Auburn*, '02, The Alumni Club; George L. Watkins, *Sewanee*, '05, Good Fellowship; Carl A. Brown, *Alabama*, '02, The 1914 Convention; Judge Dan Green,



EXTREMES MEET AT GAMMA-ETA PROVINCE CONVENTION.
W. R. Manier, Jr., Vanderbilt, '03 and Steele Andrews, Central, '08.

Emory, '85, Phi Delta Theta on the Bench; Dr. L. F. Luckey, *Alabama*, '98, The Ladies; W. J. Conniff, *Alabama*, '02, Plans for the National Convention for Birmingham in 1914; M. B. Lanier, *Alabama*, '07, Eta Province; M. Porter Walker, *Alabama*, '96, "At Random"; W. R. Manier, Jr., Vanderbilt, '05, president Gamma Province.

The speeches were excellent. Rev. Marvin Heflin's stories were filled with humor dealing particularly with his experiences in the active chapter at the University of Alabama. George Watkins for years a star in every branch of athletics at Sewanee, captain of the '06 eleven, gave a splendid discourse on good fellowship, and to the surprise of all touched it up here and there with bursts of poetry. The tribute to the ladies by Dr. L. F. Luckey was one of the most beautiful and eloquent speeches that has been heard in Birmingham. Carl A. Brown, with his characteristic force, made a strong speech on the national convention and the South, urging that all get together to bring the 1914 convention to Birmingham. His points were clearly defined and the great applause which followed his talk showed plainly the approval of the gathering. Brother W. J. Conniff, who with Brothers Brown and Hunter Smith, president of the alumni club, will represent the club at the Niagara Falls convention to extend the invitation to bring the 1914 convention to this city, outlined the plans for that great meeting showing how easily the body of some two hundred alumni of the Birmingham district could pull off the greatest convention ever held by the Fraternity. At the close of the banquet all arose, joined hands and circled slowly around the hall singing Phi songs.

At the meeting Saturday morning the reports of committees were heard, many practical ideas were brought out and suggestions made. These reports will appear in the next issue of *The Palladium* with the minutes of the convention.

Among the main points of interest were the discussion of the policy of conservative expansion which was adopted unanimously by the convention and heartily approved by the alumni present. Brother M. B. Adams of Tennessee Alpha prepared a resolution to the effect that the 1914 national convention should be held in Birmingham, Ala., the logical place for the meeting on account of the facilities of the place to take care of a large convention, the geographical location in the South and the fact that it is due the South to have the convention by that time. It was further decided that each delegate to the national convention from the two provinces would make a request at the Niagara Falls convention that Birmingham be selected as the place for the meeting in 1914. The subscription plan for THE SCROLL as outlined in the February *Palladium* was heartily endorsed and the two provinces will recommend to the general council that this plan be put in force.

At noon a photograph was taken of the delegates and visitors with a few of the alumni who could remain. Brother Manier, president of Gamma Province, the tallest man at the convention, and Brother Steele ("Billiken") Andrews, sometimes known as "Babe" had their photograph taken together. Brother Manier is six feet four and Brother Andrews just four feet in height. Brother Andrews is one of the most enthusiastic working members of the Birmingham Alumni Club, and will deliver his famous address before the 1910 national



STEEL MILLS, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
Visited by Gamma-Eta Province Convention.

convention at Niagara Falls on "Oh You Hookworm." A table will be provided on which Brother Andrews will stand when making his speech.

Brothers Carl Brown, Wm. H. Weller and others conducted the delegates and visitors through one of the great steel mills. It was of great interest to all to see the steel rails evolving from the same ore, stone and coal which they saw mined within sight of the mill.

The festivities ended with a cotillion at the Hillman which proved to be a veritable blaze of splendor, seventy-five couples being present besides a great number of "stags." It would be a

hard matter to assemble a more brilliant gathering, made doubly so by the presence of so many of the South's most beautiful women. The cotillion was led in a masterly manner by Brother W. J. Conniff, assisted by Miss Bessie May Thompson, the sponsor of the convention and her maids, the Misses Estelle Nabb, Mary Campbell, Maybelle Roden and May Collins.

The next convention will probably be held Thanksgiving week at Nashville.

MONRO B. LANIER, President Eta Province.

THETA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

The biennial convention of Theta Province was held in New Orleans during Mardi Gras and a better time for the convention could not have been chosen. All the delegates arrived on Sunday morning and found the carnival which is characteristic of New Orleans in full swing. Of the artistic side of the affair we cannot speak too highly. All the parades were full of interest and amusement. The carnival displayed on Tuesday morning was unquestionably the best day parade ever seen in New Orleans. Comus, as usual, wound up the carnival with its magnificent pictures, so characteristic of the oldest of our carnival organizations.

Sunday evening we divided our time between the automobile championship races and the Paulhan aeroplane exhibition. At the aeroplane exhibition Brother Penn of Texas Beta got into a little controversy with Corporal Killroy (pronounced "Killjoy") which resulted in our leaving the exhibition long before we had expected. Brother John Upton, our assistant city attorney, heard of the matter and promptly adjusted it to our satisfaction.

Monday we had breakfast in French style at Begue's. This breakfast took the place of the convention banquet. Brother Charles Duval, *Pennsylvania*, '03, presided as toastmaster. Many interesting and witty toasts were made. Brother Green, president of the province, started with a few lively remarks on "Theta Province in General." He was followed by Brother Ansley, ex-president of the province, who spoke on "Each Chapter in Particular." Brother Price, of Mississippi Alpha then made a few eloquent remarks on "Here's to the Co-Phis." Brother James Fortier was called upon to make a few remarks in French, but he declined and instead spoke on "The Phi-Frenchman." Then came speeches, toasts and orations from all directions. In conclusion Brother George Upton spoke on

"The Absent Ones." Just then we heard that Rex was about to land and we hurried to the river front to see his majesty receive the keys of the city. The queer French service at the breakfast was a novelty and was greatly enjoyed by every one.

Monday evening the convention was opened with Brother Green, president of the province, in the chair. The opening speech was a welcoming address by Brother James B. Guthrie, *Tulane*, '96. Brother Guthrie welcomed the delegates and visitors in a fitting manner. Brother Green then responded on behalf of the visitors. The regular order of the national convention was then followed as much as possible. A reporter for the convention was appointed by the chair. Brother Green read a letter from Brother Graves, who on account of business had been forced to resign as president of the province. A resolution was adopted expressing to Brother and Mrs. Graves our sincere regret at their inability to attend. Reports of the delegates from each of the chapters composing the province were then made. Many interesting subjects were discussed among which "The Merits of the Chapter Without a House," received due consideration.

Monday night the delegates and visitors first viewed the Proteus parade and then went to the Proteus ball at the old French Opera House. After seeing the tableaux and a few of the maskers dances they were the guests of the Tulane German Club at a german.

The last session of the convention was held on Tuesday morning. Most of the time was devoted to reports of officers and committees. The representative from each chapter made a short address in which he briefly outlined the present methods of his chapter and its plans for the future. Austin, Texas, was chosen for the meeting of the next convention of Theta Province, the time to be fixed by Texas Beta. The convention then adjourned.

After the adjournment all marched down to the Old Absinthe House, once the headquarters of the famous French pirate, Jean Lafitte. Then came the lunch "a la Old Hickory."

And thus ended the convention of Theta Province and the carnival of 1910, both of which were in all respects enjoyed and will be long remembered.

MICHEL BECNAL PROVOSTY,
Secretary of the Convention.

BETA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

Beta Province held its first convention in many years with North Carolina Beta at Chapel Hill March 29 and 30. The convention was held at a very opportune time as, junior week being on, the delegates were enabled to attend functions which would not have been possible at another time. Delegates were present from all chapters in the province except one and several Phi's on visiting baseball teams were also present.

The convention was called to order in the meeting hall in the chapter house at 2:30 P. M. on Tuesday, March 29 by Brother E. W. Kelly, province president. Brother P. H. Winston of the university law faculty made an address of welcome which was responded to by Brother H. V. Bounds, delegate from Randolph-Macon. The general business of the convention was then taken up and as much work done as possible. After this meeting every one went out to the ball park to see the game between Amherst and Carolina.

Two other business meetings were held, one on the same day at 7:00 P. M. and the other on Wednesday at 10 A. M. The meeting on Tuesday evening was followed by a smoker which lasted until a late hour.

The convention closed with the Wednesday morning meeting. It was decided to have the next province convention with Virginia Gamma at Ashland, Va., on November 25, 1910. Most of the delegates were compelled to leave immediately after the convention business was over on account of their college work.

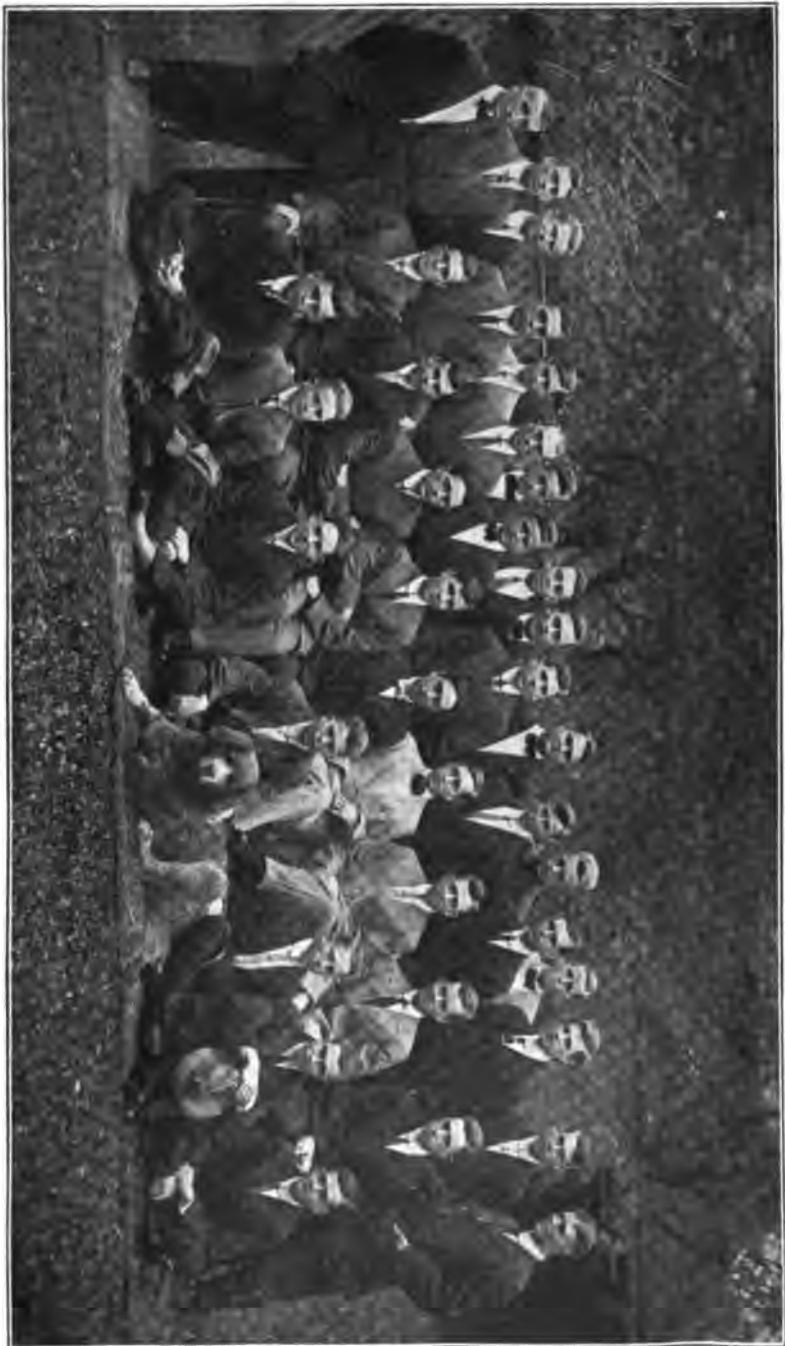
A large amount of business was brought up before the convention and matters of importance to the province and to the chapters individually were fully discussed. It has already had good results and has shown the necessity for holding others in the future. There is no better means by which the chapters of the province may be brought into closer touch and each chapter is enabled by the convention to learn much of value from its sister chapters.

FLOYD G. WHITNEY, *North Carolina*, '11.

EPSILON PROVINCE CONVENTION.

Epsilon Province met in annual convention with Indiana Beta at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., on April 22-23. The province consists of the seven chapters, located in Indiana. Each chapter was well represented not only by their delegates, but by a number of the active members of each chapter.

EPSILON PROVINCE CONVENTION, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., APRIL 22-23, 1910.



The first session was characterized by unusual enthusiasm. Every delegate was in his place and the work of the convention started without delay. The first meeting on Friday afternoon was devoted to the appointing of committees. Later the committees met and formulated their reports, which they presented to the convention the following morning.

Due to the executive ability and untiring efforts of our province president, Brother Davis, each report was thoroughly discussed and analyzed. Particular emphasis was laid upon the vital problems which confront the Fraternity and province. The same enthusiasm which characterized the first meeting prevailed throughout the entire business session, and each man came out filled with a desire to live up to the sentiment expressed in the convention. The problem of scholarship was thoroughly discussed and its importance impressed upon the entire assembly. The chapter house situation was brought up and it was found that every chapter in the province owns its own home except two, and these two reported very favorably relative to acquiring houses in the near future. Many matters of vital interest were brought up in general discussion and many valuable points were brought out, which will aid the several chapters materially in their efforts to maintain the high standard set by $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.

The next convention will be held with Indiana Theta at Purdue. The time of this meeting was left to the discretion of the chapter. The province is indeed fortunate in having the privilege of meeting with Indiana Theta next year, as they have completed and are occupying their new home, which is one of the most magnificent homes possessed by any chapter in the Fraternity.

Friday night was devoted to the convention banquet, which was held at the Crawford Hotel. The attendance was in the neighborhood of fifty, several alumni being present. Brother Davis presided as toastmaster. So saturated was he with wit and fraternity spirit that the banquet did not lag for a minute.

The toast list follows: Brother Wm. Higgens, "The Province"; A. B. Cronk, "Upper Classmen vs. Freshmen"; F. Montgomery, "What Constitutes a Strong Chapter"; Roy Love, "Rushing and Spiking"; W. E. Sexton, "Phikeia—What Should He Be?" Brother Neal Thurston responded to a toast in which he clearly defined a very much discussed term in fraternity circles, "Assignees." This was pregnant with wholesome advice and served to instill in the younger brothers a true conception of the value of fraternity.

One of the most enjoyable features of the convention was the dance held at the Masonic Temple, Saturday night. About fifty couples attended and the evening proved to be very pleasant for every one. Each man was made to feel that his girl was the "village queen." Several De Pauw brothers came up for the dance and brought their lady friends with them, the latter proving to be true Phi girls. Every one left the party feeling that he had had a very enjoyable evening.

Those present, in addition to the entertaining chapter, were: *Indiana*—A. B. Cronk, Dane H. Hoover, Leon B. Rogers, Gerald Marshall; *Butler*—Lee Moffett, Clair Adams, Wm. Conway, P. W. Weir; *Franklin*—Noble Richie, Warren Hall, Brown; *Hanover*—E. L. Reynolds, F. Montgomery; *De Pauw*—Roy Love; *Purdue*—W. E. Sexton, Dyer Butterfield, John G. Hur, E. M. Sonntog, Fred Mayfield.

LAWRENCE E. DEVORE, *Wabash*, '10.

INITIATES OF THE CHAPTER GRAND.



George Chapman Abbott, *Sewanee*, 12,
Died September 2, 1909, at Hopkinsville, Ky.
In Coelo Quies Est.



William Brownlow Aiken, *Sewanee*, '89,
Died December 29, 1909, at Knoxville, Tenn.
In Coelo Quies Est.



George Coltuan Aldrich, *Purdue*, '11,
Died March 28, 1910, at St. Louis, Mo.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Ralph Scott Barrett, *Purdue*, '98,
Died October 20, 1909, at Indianapolis, Ind.
In Coelo Quies Est.



William I. A. Beale, *Wabash*, '05,
Died September 15, 1909, at Chicago, Ill.
In Coelo Quies Est.

Henry Justus Blakeley, *Wisconsin*, '00,
 Died June 28, 1909, at Milwaukee, Wis.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Hugh Stanley Blakeney, *Randolph-Macon*, '04,
 Died January 1910, at Texas.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Augustus Orris Bloombergh, *Lafayette*, '92,
 Died _____, at _____.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Thomas Blatchford Boughton, *Lafayette*, '81,
 Died May ____, 1909, at Huron, S. D.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Norman Buck, *Lawrence*, '59,
 Died August 28, 1909, at Spokane, Wash.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Hugh Thompson Buckley, *Mississippi*, '07,
 Died February 24, 1910, at Winona, Miss.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Fred Henry Clayson, *Amherst*, '96,
 Died _____, at _____.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Robert Grant Cousley, *Westminster*, '02,
 Died October ____, 1909, at Sedalia, Mo.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Keith Worthington Deming, *Amherst*, '12,
 Died November 13, 1909, at Amherst, Mass.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Lee Fairchild, *Lombard*, '86,
 Died March 19, 1910, at New York, N. Y.
In Coelo Quies Est.

Albert Greer Greenlee, *Wooster*, '85,
Died June 30, 1909, at Lincoln, Neb.
In Coelo Quies Est.



James Matthews Griggs, *Vanderbilt*, '81,
Died January 5, 1910, at Dawson, Ga.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Clifford Sheppard Haigh, *Columbia* '09,
Died January 2, 1910, at Denver, Colo.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Edwin Groome Heacock, *California*, '75,
Died September 16, 1909, at Oakland, Cal.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Joseph Morrison Irwin, *Washington and Jefferson*, '86.
Died November 28, 1908, at Dajipur, India.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Florian D'Este Jameson, *Randolph-Macon*, '08,
Died January 15, 1910, at Martinsburg, Va.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Gordon King, *Tulane*, '98,
Died March 26, 1910, at New Orleans, La.
In Coelo Quies Est.



William Brooks Lessig, *Columbia*, '99,
Died August 20, 1909, at Wildwood Crest, N J.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Orlo L. McCall, *Kansas*, '93,
Died April 15, 1910, at Kansas City, Mo.
In Coelo Quies Est.



James Hoppin McConnell, *Lombard*, '72,
Died September 15, 1909, at Chicago, Ill.
In Coelo Quies Est.

Earl McMechen McElroy, *Washington and Jefferson*, '05,
 Died August 14, 1909, at Washington, Pa.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Horace Edward Merkel, *Pennsylvania*, '85,
 Died February 6, 1909, at Kansas City, Mo.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Henry Barber Moon, *Lafayette*, '99,
 Died March—, 1909, at Phillipsburg, N. J.
In Coelo Quies Est.



David Newton Morgan, *Wabash*, '59,
 Died November 2, 1909, at Crawfordsville, Ind.
In Coelo Quies Est.



George Rippman Mueller, *Minnesota*, '07,
 Died July 10, 1909, at North St. Paul, Minn.
In Coelo Quies Est.



George Bacheler Peck, *Miami*, '57,
 Died January 22, 1906, at Dorchester, Mass.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Robert Lee Penn, *Southwestern*, '84,
 Died August—, 1909, at Austin, Texas.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Edwin Sherman Peters, *Kansas*, '12,
 Died November 3, 1909, at Emporia, Kan.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Arthur McBride Ransom, *Auburn*, '98,
 Died July—, 1909, at Atlanta, Ga.
In Coelo Quies Est.



William Cecil Read, *Center*, '79,
 Died November 12, 1909, at St. Paul, Minn.
In Coelo Quies Est.

Arthur William Shelton, *Wisconsin*, '83,
Died November 1, 1909, at Rhinelander, Wis.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Richard Sutton Simmons, *Iowa*, '05,
Died March 16, 1910, at Kansas City, Mo.
In Coelo Quies Est.



John Newton Snow, *Emory*, '89,
Died February 13, 1910, at Covington, Ga.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Herbert Spencer Stark, *Stanford*, '95,
Died February 18, 1910, at Denver, Colo.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Walter L. Stephenson, *Miami*, '07,
Died July 22, 1909, at Great Falls, Mont.
In Coelo Quies Est.



William Chrisman Swope, *Westminster*, '00,
Died December 6, 1909, at Independence, Mo.
In Coelo Quies Est.



George Henry Tanner, *Georgia*, '75,
Died October 18, 1909, at Atlanta, Ga.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Nehermiah Alverado Towne, *Vermont*, '05,
Died September 15, 1909, at Schenectady, N. Y.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Martin Nathaniel Welch, *Center*, '97,
Died March 30, 1910, at Denver, Colo.
In Coelo Quies Est.



Henry Daniel Wilson, *Wabash*, '54,
Died December 14, 1909, at Evanston, Ill.
In Coelo Quies Est.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.**WILLIAM BROWNLOW AIKEN, SEWANEE, '89.**

William B. Aiken, Tennessee Beta, '89, died December 29, 1909. He attended the University of Tennessee and the University of the South. Previous to the Spanish-American war, he was superintendent of the K. & B. railroad. He enlisted in the Sixth Tennessee volunteers and was made a sergeant and saw service in Porto Rico. He was then made second lieutenant of the Thirty-seventh United States infantry and was in the Philippines two years. He was promoted to first lieutenant and transferred to the Thirty-seventh United States infantry, and was stationed at San Francisco. He resigned his commission in 1904 and returned to Knoxville. A little later, he was made adjutant with the rank of captain at the Johnson City soldiers' home where he remained until 1908, when he went to Knoxville where he has since been associated with his father, Major Aiken, in the transfer business.

Brother Aiken is survived by his parents, his widow and one brother.

**NORMAN BUCK, LAWRENCE, '59.**

One of the oldest and most prominent members of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, Judge Norman Buck, Wisconsin Beta, '59, died at his home in Spokane, Wash., August 28, 1909.

Born in Lancaster County, N. Y., April 13, 1833, he moved with his parents to Batavia, Ill., when a boy and afterward attended several terms in a private seminary at Warren, Ill. He next migrated to Wisconsin, settling in Sheboygan County. When young Buck had attained his majority he entered Lawrence University, at Appleton, graduating in 1859. The following year he spent in a law school at Albany, N. Y., and soon afterward settled in Winona, Minn.

When Lincoln issued the call for volunteers he was mustered into service at Fort Snelling as first lieutenant of the Seventh Minnesota in 1862. His first service was under General Sibley, who conducted the expedition against the Indians, who were committing depredations on the frontier.

The regiment crossed what is now North Dakota and reached Fort Abercrombie the day after it had been attacked, and assisted in bringing in the bodies of those who had fallen. Among these was that of Edward Wright, a schoolmate, whose parents had fled to the fort for protection. He passed the winter

on the plains and returned with Sibley's expedition to St. Paul, after which his regiment was ordered to St. Louis, doing garrison duty that winter.

Following service in Missouri, where he assisted in routing General Price, he went to Paducah, Ky. He participated in several raids and took part in the battle of Nashville. He was at Mobile when the war came to a close, having served three years and one day. He returned to Winona and shortly afterward was appointed probate judge to fill an unexpired term, being also elected later to serve four years.

Going to the Northwest he was appointed by President Hayes in 1878 as United States attorney for Idaho. He found that great depredations had been committed by the timber thieves and he prosecuted Jay Gould and a son of Brigham Young. The former case was settled out of court by Gould paying \$5,000 into the Indian fund.

Judge Buck was appointed associate judge of the Supreme Court of Idaho in 1881. He was assigned to the four northern counties and took up his residence at Lewiston. In this service he had some interesting experiences. He first held court at Pierce City, the old seat of Shoshone County. This was changed to Eagle, and the judge was taken up the river in a canoe to hold the first session in the new court.

The discovery of the mines in Northern Idaho shifted the scene, and Judge Buck established court at Murray, where United States Senator Heyburn, W. H. Claggett, Fred Ganahl, Patrick Henry Winston, Frank Allen, Major Wood, Judge Mayhew and others were engaged in the practice of law. These were the days when the court room was often filled with miners, and when "Teddy" Guthrie, former prize fighter and sheriff, stood by the judge and maintained order with drawn revolvers.

During that period Judge Buck rendered his famous decision in the "donkey" case. Cooper and Peck, who owned the burro, which Kellogg and O'Rourke found while kicking up "pay dirt," instituted suit for a share of the "find." The case was tried before Judge Buck and a jury. The latter had decided against the plaintiffs, when the court reversed the finding and handed down this opinion, which is part of the judicial records of Idaho:

"From the evidence of the witness, this court is of the opinion that the Bunker Hill mine was discovered by the jackass, Phil O'Rourke, and N. S. Kellogg; and as the jackass is the

property of the plaintiffs, Cooper and Peck, they are entitled to a half interest in the Bunker Hill and a quarter interest in the Sullivan claims."

The case was appealed to the supreme court but compromised before it came to trial, Cooper and Peck receiving \$76,000 for their share and many thousands of dollars were distributed among other principals, lawyers and middlemen.

When President Cleveland was elected Judge Buck had just been appointed judge for four years and when some of Mr. Cleveland's friends asked for the appointment he replied: "There is no vacancy."

Shortly afterward he moved to Palouse, Wash., and edited the *News* of that city and later established a law office in Spokane. He was elected judge of the superior court of Spokane County in 1892, serving four years. His last public service was rendered as a member of the legislature of the State of Washington in 1908-9. He is survived by his wife and three sons, W. Storey Buck, of Lewiston, Ida., N. R. Buck, of Sunnyside, Wash., and F. J. Buck of Spokane, Wash.—Washington (D. C.) *Herald*, August 29, 1909.



LEE FAIRCHILD, LOMBARD. '86.

No one was missed more at our last fraternity dinner in New York on March 18 than Brother Lee Fairchild, the poet and wit. While every one there asked after him, and expressed his disappointment at the absence of such a star speaker, none could tell what had kept him away from the board at which he would have been so welcome. At that very time Brother Fairchild was dying.

All those of us who attended that dinner, at which Brother Fairchild's name was mentioned so often, and so regretfully, were inexpressibly shocked to read in the following Sunday newspapers that Lee Fairchild, "master spellbinder," had suddenly expired at the Roosevelt hospital after a short illness from pneumonia, lasting but two days.

I had met Brother Fairchild on the street but a few days before that, and stopping him for a brief chat, had found him full of his quaint whims and humors, as ever. Not long before that I had encountered him unexpectedly at a wayside inn in Staten Island, where he promptly inveigled me into gloriously wasting the better part of a workaday by bowling tenpins with a little crowd of country children. After it was all over and we had crossed the ferry back to New York, Lee con-

fessed to me that he had found himself in Staten Island "marooned," as he put it, for lack of a ferry ticket. Rather than ask me for five cents Lee preferred inveigling me into a bowling alley, where, so he explained, he knew I could not win.

This incident was delightfully typical of Lee Fairchild's



LEE FAIRCHILD, LOMBARD, '86.

whimsical ways. I was better qualified than most of our brothers perhaps, to recognize the inwardness of Brother Fairchild's winning characteristics, for he and I were intimately thrown together for a considerable period, one time, many years ago, when we two were worked in double harness as spellbinders during Colonel Roosevelt's victorious campaign for the governorship of New York. As a matter of fact

Brother Fairchild was the only spellbinder of the combination—I was merely running mate. Colonel Roosevelt had personally chosen Fairchild as one of the star orators of his campaign, having heard much of Fairchild's fame as a spellbinder in the West and in New York during Seth Low's first campaign for the mayoralty. Fairchild explained to Colonel Roosevelt that he could wake others up with his speeches, but that he himself could never wake up betimes next morning to catch the train to the next public forum. Colonel Roosevelt considered the matter for a brief half-minute. Then he turned to me—at that time I was acting as the Colonel's secretary—and said: "Mr. Emerson you are detailed to accompany Mr. Fairchild on his oratorical excursions. Your duty will be to see to it that he is kept moving—not only audiences, but stumping places."

So I found myself attached to Lee Fairchild's triumphal progress as his official eye-opener. We toured all of New York State, winding up with a last whirlwind week in New York City. Incidentally I had my own eyes opened as to Lee's oratorical excursions.

Lee Fairchild was a spellbinder in the true sense of the word. He could keep any audience spellbound by the thrill of his oratory alone. According to him no man was worthy to be called an orator, who could not, at will, make his listeners both laugh and weep. Lee Fairchild could certainly do this. Many a time I have watched him play on the emotions of his audience, as a skilled harper plays on his strings, and at the sudden, unexpected appeals of his pathos and of his wit have seen them laugh and cry in the same breath.

As an orator Fairchild was so sure of his powers that he seldom bothered his own head or those of his listeners with mere arguments. This he left to the politicians. His mission, as he conceived it, was to appeal to the hearts of the people, and to make them feel glad that they had come. In this he succeeded pre-eminently. People came from far and near to hear his oratory. All the halls he spoke in were always packed—rain or shine. I never heard one single person express disappointment, once they had heard Fairchild. Nor did I ever see any one stray from the hall while Fairchild was speaking.

Even I and those of the campaign committee who had heard him make the same points night after night, always felt ourselves thrilled anew as we came under the old spell of his voice. There was one splendid burst of oratory, I well remember, in

which he painted a glowing word picture of the beauties of a sunset on Puget Sound. I never got tired of hearing that sunset on Puget Sound. What did Puget Sound have to do with Theodore Roosevelt or with the merits of Republicanism or Democracy? Nothing at all. But Lee Fairchild had spent some of his childhood on Puget Sound and had once seen the sun set in all that glory, so he chose to sing of it as an inspired bard sings of the departed glories of his race. Every time he told of that sunset the eyes of every man, woman and child in his audiences would grow dim with tears, and every one of them, under the spell of his voice, felt transported back into the vanished golden days of his own childhood.

Years afterward I met an old gentleman in San Francisco who told me that he had once run for Senator of Nevada and that Lee Fairchild had been one of his campaign spellbinders. Fairchild was the only one, he said, who could hold the rough miners, cattlemen and lumberjacks who used to crowd into their meetings.

"Did Lee tell them of the sunset on Puget Sound?" I asked. "Yes, he did," said the old millionaire, "and every time it worked like a charm."

Lee Fairchild was known as a wit in New York and all over the West. The funniest thing he ever did was to found a School of Spellbinding, in which he conducted classes of all kinds of oratory, from forensic addresses to cart tail stump speaking. Some of the best political orators and after-dinner speakers of New York attended this school. All Fairchild gave them was a lot of amusement at their own expense.

As a writer and poet Fairchild was known to all newspaper men and magazine editors, and he also had a wide acquaintance among politicians, actors and public men all over the country. His verses were copied from one end of the country to the other. Some of his best known poems were gathered in three different volumes: "Easter Thoughts," "The Tippler's Vow" and "The Colonel of Corn." Socially he was the leading spirit of the famous Pleiades Club of New York of which he served as president for several years.

Members of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ who have attended the Fraternity's conventions and big banquets during the last fifteen years will always remember Lee Fairchild as a brilliant speaker and wit, not only, but as a true-hearted friend and loyal Brother Phi.

EDWIN EMERSON, *Miami, '89.*

ALBERT GREER GREENLEE, WOOSTER, '85.

Albert Greer Greenlee died at his home in Lincoln, Neb., June 30, 1909, at the age of 55 years.

Reared in Pennsylvania, he went at twenty-one to Iowa and began to teach. He added later a normal education and taught as principal of Utica Academy, Pennsylvania. In September, 1881, he entered Wooster and at once took high rank as a student and a well-rounded man. In his junior year he won the first place for Wooster in the intercollegiate oratorical contest and second place for Ohio at the following interstate. The first man in that contest was Senator Beveridge of Indiana. Graduated at the head of his class he at once took up law. In Lincoln, Neb., he had a successful and honorable career as a lawyer. He was honored by his townsmen in being chosen by the city as alderman at large. He was active in art and music circles and also in church life and work. He was widely known as a man of clear head and kind heart, as a man who lived the Christ-life.

**JAMES MATTHEWS GRIGGS, VANDERBILT, '81.**

James Matthews Griggs, representative in congress from the second Georgia district, died suddenly of heart failure at his home in Dawson, Ga., on January 5, 1910. He was born at La Grange, Ga., March 29, 1861. He was educated in the common schools of Georgia and at the Peabody Normal College at Nashville, Tenn., from which institution he was graduated in 1881. He was a member of Tennessee Alpha, which about that time initiated a number of students of the Peabody Normal College. After graduation he taught school and studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1883, was elected solicitor-general of the Pataula circuit in 1888 and reelected in 1892. He resigned that position in 1893, and was appointed judge of the circuit, and later was twice elected to that position without opposition. He was markedly successful on the bench, and it is said that he probably had fewer decisions reversed than any other superior court judge in the state of Georgia.

In 1896 he left the bench to make the race for congress and he was elected. He was a representative continuously from the fifty-fifth congress to the time of his death. He served on the committee on postoffices and public roads, and for some time preceding death was a member of the ways and means (tariff) committee. He was a delegate to the demo-

cratic national convention in 1892 and was chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee in 1904 and 1906.

On hearing of his death, sorrow was expressed by all of his colleagues in the house of representatives, both democrats and republicans. Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, the minority floor leader, voiced his deep personal sorrow and declared that Mr. Griggs was a brilliant and hard-working member who would be mourned by all who knew him and greatly missed in the councils of the house. Among the many messages of condolence received by the family of the deceased was the following from Speaker Cannon: "I have learned with profound regret and sorrow of the death of your distinguished husband. I had only admiration for his splendid qualities of mind and heart. Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great bereavement."

The Dawson correspondent of the Atlanta *Constitution* wrote to that paper as follows: "The hold which the congressman who passed away this afternoon had upon the confidence and affection of the people of his district was wonderful. All combinations were powerless against his popularity, and it appeared that his seat in the lower house was his as long as he might live and desire to retain it. His sudden death has spread over the district a sorrow which enters thousands of homes as a poignant personal one."

WALTER B. PALMER, *Emory*, '77, *Vanderbilt*, '80.



EDWIN GROOME HEACOCK, CALIFORNIA, '75.

Edwin G. Heacock died at his home in Oakland, Cal., September 16, 1909. He was the son of United States Commissioner Heacock of the federal courts in San Francisco and was for many years chief bookkeeper of the state fish and game commission. Brother Heacock was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

GEORGE D. KIERULFF, *California*, '96.



JOSEPH MORRISON IRWIN, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON, '86. (Translated from the "Dnyanodaya," by the writer, Mr. Shivar- am Masoji, of Kolhapur.)

It is with a heavy heart that I have to record the sad event of the death, from diabetes, of our beloved and most esteemed missionary Rev. Dr. J. M. Irwin, which took place at Dajipur, a village about forty miles from Kolhapur, on the

28th of November, 1908. His Highness the Maharajah of Kolhapur, recognizing his great literary talents and abilities, had made a wise choice in appointing him the chief tutor of the Rajkumars. Dr. and Mrs. Irwin had accompanied the Royal family to Dajipur, where His Highness had gone to stay, in order to begin the work of a large tank, called after Her Highness the Laxmi Tank, which he proposes to build for irrigation purposes. While staying there Dr. Irwin had a severe attack of the illness from which he had been suffering for the past several years, and notwithstanding the most skillful medical aid he expired early Saturday morning. The coffin was brought by motor to Kolhapur, where the funeral service was held in the parlour of his bungalow at Bawada, the same afternoon. The political agent, the assistant political agent, Rao Bahadur Divan Saheb, the chief revenue officer, all the resident European ladies and gentlemen in the camp, missionaries and Indian pastors from Sangli and Miraj, and many others, were present to pay him their last tribute of respect. The funeral service was read by Rev. R. C. Richardson, of Miraj, assisted by Rev. Shivaramji Masoji, pastor of the local church. In the course of his remarks the pastor spoke briefly of the eighteen years successful missionary career of Dr. Irwin and eulogized, in touching words, his many good qualities and exemplary Christian character. The mourners were brought in State carriages to the Mission cemetery, where the body was laid in a grave near the Rev. Mr. Ferris, to rest until the trumpet call.

Dr. Irwin came out to India in 1890, as a missionary of the American Presbyterian Mission. In his early days, while he was stationed at Kolhapur, he was in charge of the Mission high school, which he conducted with great success. Thence he was transferred to Ratnagiri, where he lived and laboured for several years. He opened a new mission station at Vengurla and with Mrs. Irwin, occupied it for some years. Thence he was transferred to Sangli to take charge of the boys' boarding school, which he greatly improved, raising it into a high school. On account of insufficient room the mission removed Dr. Irwin's school again to Kolhapur. But the increased pressure of work was too great, and after but little more than a year Dr. Irwin, with great reluctance, had to give it up, accepting instead the responsible and delicate work of educating the princes, which he ably performed to the great satisfaction of His Highness. Besides his regular high school work, Dr. Irwin was also conducting an elementary theological school.

which was fully approved and patronized by the Kolhapur Presbytery. He took great interest in this work, and willingly spent his morning hours in giving instruction to the theological classes. He firmly believed in having well educated and efficient mission workers, and laboured hard to train them.

The Young Men's Christian Association is a lasting memorial to Dr. Irwin. He organized it about sixteen years ago and gave the best part of his life and energy to making it a success. Through his untiring efforts and zeal, a large house in a prominent and central part of the city was purchased, in which a free reading room and library was opened for the benefit of the young men of Kolhapur. The association is greatly indebted to him for his generous gift of a large stock of his own valuable books. He was the life and soul of this enterprise. He always used to take a leading part in the public lectures and often invited outsiders to deliver lectures and conduct evangelistic meetings in connection with the Kolhapur Y. M. C. A. His social entertainments will never be forgotten by the members. He also took much interest in the athletic department. Lawn-tennis, football, cricket and various indoor games were provided, in which he freely took part. It was his great desire to have a new building erected here for the association, fully equipped with all the modern improvements, and to carry on the work of the association on a grand scale. A new building fund was already opened, and several hundreds of rupees were collected; but to our great loss and misfortune he was suddenly removed in the prime of his life, at the age of only 43 years, before these hopes were realized.



GORDON KING, TULANE, '98.

Dr. Gordon King, Louisiana Alpha, '98, was fatally injured in a practice polo game on March 26 and died a few hours later without regaining consciousness. Brother King was thrown from his horse and the hind hoofs of the animal struck his head, fracturing the base of the skull.

He was hastily taken to the Charity Hospital where an operation was performed. Among the many who assisted in the operation were Brothers Parham and Gessner.

Brother King was a graduate of the medical department of Tulane University and was surgeon in charge of the New Orleans Polyclinic. He was prominent in the social life of New

Orleans and a member of a number of clubs and carnival organizations. He was a fine horseman and an expert at polo, being a member of the New Orleans Polo Club.

Brother King was soon to have been married, his fiancee being with him at the time of his fatal accident.

MICHEL B. PROVOSTY, *Tulane*, '12.



EARL M. McELROY, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON, '05.

Pennsylvania Gamma suffered an irreparable loss on August 14, 1909, in the death of Earl M. McElroy. While engaged as an engineer in dam construction work for the government on the Ohio river, he sustained an injury to his back which developed into tubercular meningitis. He was born in Washington, Pa. on April 9, 1883, and is survived by his parent, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McElroy, and four sisters.

Beginning as its first president, he continued a leader in the class of 1905 during the four years he was in college. He was manager of the glee club for one season, and was a member of the varsity track team. In 1903 he represented Pennsylvania Gamma at the province convention at Syracuse and presided over the chapter during his senior year.

Men like McElroy are few. He was loyalty, energy and joviality plus and typified what a fellow means when he says "he's square." The customary eulogy to the departed says everything and means nothing, but to his mourning chapter and college associates "Mutz," as we all knew him, will remain a brother whose active spirit will work with us for the betterment of our fraternalism and ourselves.

HORACE W. DAVIS, *Washington and Jefferson*, '05.



GEORGE RIPPMAN MUELLER, MINNESOTA, '07.

George Rippman Mueller was born and raised in Stillwater, Minn., and attended the public and high schools of the place, taking a place high in the rank of the class of 1902 in the high school there. He entered the engineering department of the state university that fall displaying marked ability in his work there. Later he left school and entered the auditing department of the Northern Pacific Railway at St. Paul, Minn., and was a valued and trusted employee there, remaining in the service of that corporation until his death. Brother Mueller was ever a loyal and enthusiastic Phi and a zealous worker. Minnesota Alpha feels keenly this loss from the ranks of her alumni. His manhood was known and appreciated by all who

knew him, and to quote the words of the Stillwater *Press*, "he was as fine a type of young man as Stillwater ever produced."



EDWIN SHERMAN PETERS, KANSAS, '12.

The death of Edwin S. Peters occurred at the home of his father in Emporia, Kan., November 3, 1909, after an illness of three weeks with typhoid fever. He was a sophomore at the University of Kansas and while there was taken ill. He was captain of his class baseball team in his freshman year and was popular among his associates.



RICHARD SUTTON SIMMONS, IOWA, '05.

Richard Sutton Simmons, Iowa Beta, '05, died of heart disease on March 16, 1910, at The Red Cross Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. His death came after an illness of two weeks during which his parents, who reside in Chicago, were with him. The remains were brought to Chicago where the funeral took place on Friday afternoon, March 18, at the home of his father and mother, 4726 Michigan Avenue. A brief and simple but impressive service was conducted by the Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford of The First Unitarian Society of Chicago, assisted by the Oriental Male Quartette. The interment was at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Brother Simmons was 28 years of age. He had lived in Kansas City for the past year, being connected during that time with the commercial office of The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway, as traveling freight agent. He was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, in 1881. When he was about seven years old his family moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where his father was general freight agent of The Burlington Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway for many years.

Brother Simmons received his grammar and high school education in Cedar Rapids, entered the University of Iowa in the fall of 1901 and was initiated into $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. Owing to sickness he was compelled to leave college in his second year. After he had partially recovered his health he entered the railroad business as a clerk in the general freight department of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway, later becoming traveling freight agent for that road. In 1902 the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific absorbed the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway. Brother Simmons remained with the Rock Island at Cedar Rapids for about seven years dur-

ing which time he showed great adaptability and a strong interest in his work. In January 1909 he accepted the position of traveling freight agent at Kansas City, where he was located up to the time of his death. Throughout his brief business life Dick Simmons, as he was generally known, enjoyed the high esteem of his superiors, the good will of his associates, the high-



RICHARD SUTTON SIMMONS, IOWA, '05.

est respects of those with whom he transacted business and the love of all who knew him. He was a loyal Phi and true to the principles of our Fraternity.

Brother Simmons' father is Thomas H. Simmons, formerly general freight agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway. Besides his father and mother he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Simmons Hubbard, wife of Dr. Chester W.

Hubbard, Atkins, Iowa and Mrs. Althea Simmons Godso, wife of Brother William E. Godso, Illinois Beta, '03, of Chicago, and a brother, Thomas H. Simmons, Jr., of Chicago.

WILLIAM E. GODSO, *Chicago*, '03.



JOHN NEWTON SNOW, **EMORY**, '89.

On February 13, 1910, at his home in Covington, Ga., occurred the death of Rev. John Newton Snow, Georgia Beta, '89. At the age of twenty-three Brother Snow entered the ministry and from his birthplace, Walton, Ga., accepted the pastorate of the St. John's Methodist church, Atlanta. His health failing, he was forced to seek rest in Florida and Texas. In 1908 he moved to Macon where he remained one year before going to Covington to become editor of the Covington *Enterprise*.

For twenty years Brother Snow was one of the ablest ministers in the Methodist conference and, as editor of the *Enterprise*, rendered valuable service to Emory College in raising its endowment and encouraging a spirit of loyalty among the citizens of Covington.

SAMUEL V. STILES, *Emory*, '10.



HERBERT SPENCER STARK, **STANFORD**, '95.

Captain H. S. Stark, one of the best known mining engineers in the country and a captain in the Royal Engineers during the Boer war, died at Mercy Hospital, Denver, February 18, 1910. Captain Stark, who had been examining some mining property at Idaho Springs, was brought to Denver on a special train when attacked with diabetes. He is survived by a widow and three children, the latter being in Cleveland. Brother Stark married Miss Harriet A. Buck of San Jose in August, 1894, and graduated in geology and mining in January, 1895. He worked for some time under the late James E. Mills at the Copperopolis mines in Calaveras County, Cal., and then went to South Africa, at first as assayer at the Crown Reef Mines at Johannesburg. From that position he rose to be the manager of the company in 1898. When the Boer war broke out he continued to operate the mines as long as possible but finally entered the engineering corps of the British army and rose to the position of captain of engineers. After the war he returned to the mines and was manager of the Crown Reef Mining Company until November 1, 1905, when he resigned

to take charge of the operations of a company organized to use a process, devised by himself, to recover gold from tailings. A few years ago he returned to the United States and engaged in general practice as a mining engineer. For the past two years he maintained offices in Los Angeles and most of his engineering work has been confined to mines in Nevada.



WALTER L. STEPHENSON, MIAMI, '07.

On July 23, 1909 a telegram from Great Falls, Mont., brought the sad news that Walter Stephenson was dead. He had lost his life the day before while bathing with five companions in the Missouri River. His body was recovered an hour after his death and sent home for burial. The funeral was held at his old home at Woods Station July 29, conducted by Dr. Guy Potter Benton, president of Miami University, assisted by Rev. Brashears. Interment was in the Oxford Cemetery, where Ohio Alpha held ritualistic service.

Brother Stephenson was born at Sedalia, Ind., July, 1886, and when quite young removed with his parents to Woods Station just south of Oxford. He attended the common schools and in the fall of 1900 entered the academy of Miami University. He spent three years in the academy and four in the college. After graduation he worked as a chemist at Hibbing, Minn., and later as an assaying chemist at Great Falls, Mont. It was his intention to return home in the fall and attend medical college at Cincinnati.

Brother Stephenson's work at Miami was of the highest order. Being a fine athlete, he was a great lover of athletics and out-door sports. He had a fine physique, standing six feet two and weighing two hundred and ten pounds. He took part in all athletic contests, throwing the hammer and discus and putting the shot. He played in the line in football, earning his "M" both in football and track in 1907. He loved the game of tennis and was a member of the tennis club '06-'07. His classmates gave him the honor of class president in his senior year and he was their leader in all activities, taking part in the senior class play "The Taming of the Shrew."

With the death of Brother Stephenson his parents lost their only child. Old Miami, a worthy alumnus and the Phis, a true friend and brother.

LORAN O. POTTER, *Miami, '08.*

GEORGE HENRY TANNER, GEORGIA, '75.

Judge George H. Tanner, one of Atlanta's most prominent citizens, died October 18, 1909, at his home, 766 Peachtree Street, after an illness of four weeks.

He was born in Clayton County, Ga., in the year 1851, and, during the early days of his boyhood, worked on a farm. Later he attended school at Decatur, Ga., and spent two years at Bowdoin College. Then he attended the University of Georgia, where he was a member of the class of 1875.

On leaving college Brother Tanner entered the journalistic field, and for a while was city editor of *The Commonwealth*. He abandoned newspaper work to take up the study of law.

Besides being unusually efficient in whatever work he undertook, Judge Tanner was possessed of many desirable traits that brought him friends in legion. He was an unusually public-spirited citizen, and was always ready to lend his support to any movement for the public good.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Annie Murphy, and two sons, William J. and George Henry Tanner, Jr., who is a member of Georgia Beta of Φ Δ Θ.

**HENRY DANIEL WILSON, WABASH, '54.**

In the death of Henry D. Wilson, at Evanston, Ill., December 14, 1909, Φ Δ Θ lost one of its earliest members. He was born in Champaign County, Ohio, October 3, 1829, and was educated in the pioneer subscription schools, Ontario Collegiate Institute, Indiana University and Wabash College, graduating from Wabash in 1854. After teaching school for a few years he took up the practice of law at Columbia City, Ind., where he remained until 1864 when he settled in Goshen, Ind., where he lived until he moved to Evanston, Ill., in 1900.

Brother Wilson was the first mayor of Goshen having been elected in 1868. In 1894 he was elected judge of the Elkhart circuit court and served a term of six years. He was for many years a member of the First Presbyterian church of Elkhart and was on the board of elders. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Elkhart County Bar Association, which organization attended his funeral in a body. Since moving to Evanston Judge Wilson has been an occasional caller at the Illinois Alpha chapter house where he was always received with a hearty welcome.

WHERE CONVENTION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD.



NIAGARA FALLS CONVENTION.

The number of old convention goers has been increased at recent conventions and we hope that a larger number than ever will be found at Niagara. The season will be an ideal one for a reunion, and the old timers will undoubtedly have a memorable experience. Any one who has attended one or more conventions is entitled to admission to the old guard, though the youngsters must be prepared for initiation into $\Sigma \Pi A$ or some other side degree organized for convention amusement. We hope also that there will be many ladies, married and unmarried, at Niagara, and the prospects are that the fair sex will be more numerously represented than at any previous convention. The summer girl who comes with her brother or cousin or other chaperone will have a great time, and the married ones will find themselves popular and not lacking attention, even if their husbands neglect them while absorbed in fraternity business or in renewing acquaintance with old cronies.

The only reason to doubt that the attendance at Niagara may not be as large as it has been at some previous national conventions is that all recent conventions have been held in large cities where many members of the Fraternity lived, while the convention of this year will not be held at such a place. In Buffalo and Rochester the nearest large cities to Niagara Falls, we have never had any alumni organization. Therefore we cannot expect the local attendance to be as large as it was at Pittsburg, Washington, Indianapolis or New York. We have no doubt that the attendance from a distance will be as large or larger than it has ever been. We hope that it will be very much larger, and all members and officers should do all they can to increase the size of this biennial meeting. College duties will not interfere with college men coming, and the representations of active members should be larger than ever. It would be very unfortunate if any chapter should for any reason fail to send a delegate and thus break a long-standing record of no unrepresented chapters. Business men usually have more leisure in mid-summer than at any other season, and there is more reason to expect more delegates from alumni clubs than ever before. For the same reason we hope that many alumni will come from cities and towns where alumni have not yet been organized, and these are the members who it is especially desirable should be informed about the convention date, arrangements and attractions.



Lobby of International Hotel, National Convention Headquarters



AMERICAN RAPIDS AND APPROACH TO GOAT ISLAND FROM INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

THE CHICAGO-NIAGARA FALLS SPECIAL.

The attention of Phis traveling from the West to the Niagara Falls Convention is called to the fact that arrangements have been made for special cars via Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway leaving Chicago on train No. 4 from the La Salle Street Station at 8:25 Sunday morning August 7, due in Niagara Falls the same evening at 10:55. A special rate of \$10.50 has been obtained for this trip but in order to obtain the rate it is necessary that the entire party travel on one ticket. It is therefore important that those who expect to join the party communicate in ample time with Frank J. R. Mitchell or with Mr. G. K. Thompson, Gen'l Agt. Pass. Dept. L. S. & M. S. Ry., 180 South Clark Street, Chicago.

Of late years our convention specials have been among the most enjoyable features of convention week and this year will mark no exception. Many of our members will recall with pleasure our "special" to the New York Convention some years ago when our party filled three cars. These members will also recall the excellent service and courteous treatment which was accorded to us by the Lake Shore Railway on that occasion and again on the occasion of the Pittsburg convention in 1908. Either Mr. Thompson or Mr. G. W. Daly, who accompanied us on the trip to Pittsburg, will give us his particular attention on the trip to Niagara Falls and those who have traveled over the Lake Shore know that no railroad on the continent gives service superior to that of this line. We hope that all officers, delegates and visitors, who possibly can do so, will join our party. If it is impossible to make provision in advance it may be arranged at the station where Mr. Thompson or Mr. Daly and Mr. Mitchell will be for thirty minutes prior to the departure of the train.

Those who come from west or northwest of Chicago should reach Chicago Saturday or early Sunday morning to insure connection.

A PAMPHLET OF SONGS.

In 1904 the words of several songs were issued by Massachusetts Alpha. They were printed on eight pages of cardboard, $4\frac{1}{4}$ by $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The first page bears the words: "Songs of Phi Delta Theta as sung by Massachusetts Alpha." The collection contains the following songs:

"Work! Work! Work!" to the air of "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," by P. W. Search, which appears on page 49 of the fifth (1902) edition of the song book.

"Phi Delta Theta, for Aye!" to the air of "Good-bye, My Lover," by W. B. Palmer, which appears on page 57 of the fifth edition of the song book.

"Vive Les Phis." to the air of "Vive L' Armour," by A. G. Foster, which appears in earlier editions of the song book.

A song without a title, beginning "Oh, let us sing a rousing song," to the air of "Marching Through Georgia," an early version of a song "Forward Phi Delta Theta Marches!" by E. H. L. Randolph, which appears on page 19 of the fifth edition of the song book.

An ode beginning "Then, as out into the world we go," to the air of "Wearing of the Green," by W. A. Caldwell, which appears in earlier editions of the song book.

Following is the first song in the Massachusetts Alpha collection, where it appears without a title:

THE BROTHERHOOD WE LOVE.

AIR—"There's Music in the Air."

Hail! Hail! Phi Delta Theta!
Hail to the Bond we love!
May peace and concord rule her,
Where'er her sons may rove.
Hail, great Brotherhood! all hail!
Through the years that shall not fail,
May thy growing greatness be
Robed with spotless majesty.

The years pass on as shadows,
Softly they sink to rest,
And one by one our brothers
Are folded close to nature's breast.
Yet as the sand of ages runs
May a race of nobler sons
Faithful as the stars above
Raise the standard that we love.

DWIGHT WILLISON MARVIN, *Williams*, '01.

The foregoing song has never appeared in the fraternity song book, and neither has the the following song of one verse which is the last song in the Massachusetts Alpha collection, where it is given no title:

AIR—*Maryland! My Maryland!*

We gather at thy temple door,
Phi Delta Theta,
To sing thy praises evermore,
Phi Delta Theta;
We'll work together as of yore,
Thy colors we will never lower,
Thy sons shall rule from shore to shore
Phi Delta Theta.

The present active members of Massachusetts Alpha do not know who wrote this song.

Correction—The song “It’s Our Fraternity,” which was published in THE SCROLL for January, 1910, was not written by the brother whose name follows it, and who informs us of the mistake, but by William Leroy Stidger, Pennsylvania Delta, ’10.

PHI LAND.

AIR—“*Dixie*.”

Come, fellows, join in a lively ditty,
Sadness now would be a pity.

Give a cheer! give a cheer! give a cheer! jolly band.
While white and blue are floating o'er us,
Voices raise in lusty chorus.

Give a cheer! give a cheer! give a cheer! jolly band.

CHORUS.

Oh, we love to live in Phi land,
Alway! Alway!

Within this band we take our stand,
To stay forever loyal.

Hurrah! hurrah! Our Bond shall live forever.
Hurrah! hurrah! Our Bond shall live forever.

We sing to good old Phi Delta Theta,
First and foremost, never later.

Give a cheer! give a cheer! give a cheer! jolly band.
Her sons are filling every station,
And with credit to the nation.

Give a cheer! give a cheer! give a cheer! jolly band.

Phi boys yearn for a lot of knowledge,
Hence it was they came to college,

Give a cheer! give a cheer! give a cheer! jolly band.
And all intend to be great scholars,
Still some hanker for the dollars.

Give a cheer! give a cheer! give a cheer! jolly band.

Phi boys always gladly greet us,
Hearty are they when they meet us.

Give a cheer! give a cheer! give a cheer! jolly band.
High your voices raise and loudly,
Sing again the chorus proudly.

Give a cheer! give a cheer! give a cheer! jolly band.

WALTER B. PALMER, *Emory*, ’77; *Vanderbilt*, ’80.
April 18, 1907—February 22, 1910.

Ye Phis!

Air: "Vesper Moonlight," Part III.* by
VICTOR KEISER.

Words by
THOMAS D. ELIOT, Washington, '10.

1. "Ye Phis! Ye Phis! Come hith - er! Ye Phis! Come join our song!... Link
2. Thou sacred word, "Phi-kai - s", Our hearts are fond for Thee!... Our
3. Where'er we may be seat - tered, In need whate'er be - tide,... A
4. Raise high our splendid Ban - ner, Th' Ax - ux and the Whitel!... Cry

heart and hand to - geth - er, U - nit - ed we are strong!" So sang the men be - fore us, So
will, so strong and loy - al, In Thy dear serv - ice free..... And not a - lone with voi - ces We
Broth - er, aye, is read - y To aid us at our side... With Shield of Faith and Hon - or, And
out a - gain, "Phi-kai - al!" Join battle for the right!... Once more the Sword is swing-ing, Once

sing we here to - night;... To - geth - er we're vio - to - ries, A - lone we lose the fight.
praise Thy mystic Name;... Our ver - y soul re - jo - ces, Our deeds Thy pow' proclaim.
Sword of liv - ing flame, We stand a - rect and fear - less, To guard our spot-less name,
more our hymn we raise, ... A - gain, and ev - er sing - ing, To Thee e - ter - nal praise.

Hail! Hail! Hail!..... Ye Stars that shine for - ev - er! Hail! Hail!

Hail!..... Thou Bond that naught can sev - er! Hail! Hail! Hail!..... Ye true, ye

loy - al Phis,..... Ye live and die in deir Phi Del - ta The - - tal.....

* Oliver Ditson Co.

EDITORIAL.

As we approach the date of the national convention we look back upon the period since the Pittsburg convention with considerable satisfaction. In one respect this period is probably unparalleled in our history, for in it every province has held at least one convention. This issue of *THE SCROLL* contains accounts of province conventions covering the entire South and one province convention in the North. This record speaks eloquently for the energy and earnestness of our province presidents. Without making individual comparisons we may safely assert that our present corps of province officers as a whole is superior in efficiency to any set of province officers within our recollection. This improvement plays an important part in the perfecting of the administrative machinery of our Fraternity.

In a number of ways the Fraternity has made substantial progress during the collegiate year which is about to close. Without exception the chapters are in a flourishing condition and confidently look forward to even greater prosperity than they have hitherto enjoyed. There is a determination to keep the membership keyed up to a high standard, and to insist upon creditable scholarship and conduct that will bring no reproach to Phi Delta Theta. On this question a very healthy sentiment prevails, and there is a general recognition of the fact that the object of the Fraternity is not good fellowship alone but character building. We know of no time in the past when there were more evidences than now of the hearty enthusiastic support of the Fraternity by its members. In all sections of the country alumni in increasing numbers display their loyalty to Phi Delta Theta and their intention of rendering to the chapters all needed aid, moral and financial. During the year homes have been acquired by a number of chapters, and in this respect Phi Delta Theta still leads all other fraternities. Since the Pittsburgh convention no charters for

new chapters have been granted, but many institutions are open for the Fraternity to enter, and the convention at Niagara Falls will probably have more applications for charters than any previous convention. In fact Phi Delta Theta is on a very safe and sound footing. Though not unduly elated at its success in the past, it is proud of its position in the fraternity world. It realizes that it cannot afford to rest on laurels already won, and is alive to the fact that it must ever strive for improvement and take advantage of opportunities for further advancement.

Under its present management THE SCROLL has made special efforts to add to the hymnology of the Fraternity. We have a good collection of songs, the last edition having been published in 1902, but it will be well to have a greater variety when the next one is issued. We feel pleased with the fact that in this volume of THE SCROLL more new Phi Delta Theta songs have appeared than in any other volume of the magazine. Some of them are exceedingly good songs too, if our judgment is worth anything. In this issue there are three songs, and we believe this breaks THE SCROLL's record. And we are sure that the musical accompaniment of a song has never before been printed in this magazine. Of course there are always active members who can give us good songs if they will give free rein to their poetic fancy and musical talent and permit their fraternity loyalty and the undimmed enthusiasm of youth to find metrical and musical expression. We trust that during the summer our poets and musicians will devote some of their talents to Phi Delta Theta, and offer a large number of songs for publication in THE SCROLL next year, to be reproduced in a later edition of the song book.

We were ambitious to close this volume of THE SCROLL by having the last issue contain letters from all the seventy-two chapters. Had we succeeded it would have been the third issue of the year to contain letters from all chapters as each

chapter was represented in the issues of November and March. There was some excuse for omissions in the September and January numbers, as the former was issued before all the colleges in which we have chapters had opened for the year and the latter was issued soon after the Christmas vacation. We have not quite abandoned hope of presenting in this issue a letter from each chapter but we can at least be sure of all but one. Three letters and two telegrams have thus far failed to draw a letter from Georgia Alpha. If our readers will turn to that page where Georgia Alpha's letter ought to be they will know, if they find it there, that it came in at the last moment and that our hope has been realized. Out of a possible 360 letters this volume contains at least 346, which is without doubt the largest number of chapter letters ever printed in one volume of *THE SCROLL*.

It has been a great pleasure to the present editors of *THE SCROLL* to be able to present a description and illustrations of a newly acquired chapter house in nearly every number of the magazine since it has been published under their direction. The Fraternity is to be heartily congratulated upon this evidence of the prosperity and stability of its chapters. Of late chapters have acquired houses so rapidly that we could not publish descriptions of all at the rate of one in each issue. Hence write-ups and pictures of the house recently built by the Auburn chapter and the house recently purchased by the Kansas chapter must be deferred until the next volume of *THE SCROLL*. Write-ups of the houses now being built at Sewanee and Vanderbilt, to replace the pioneer chapter houses in the South, and the first houses owned by any Phi Delta Theta Chapters may also be expected to appear in the next volume.

The most important matter of immediate interest to the Fraternity is to secure a large attendance at the Niagara Falls convention. Of course all members in college now know about the time and place, and we are mistaken if all do not realize

that they can derive more enjoyment by attending the convention than they can experience in a week spent in any other way during the summer. So we feel confident that all active members will attend who can possibly arrange to be on hand. It is probable, however, that many alumni do not know that the date of the convention has been changed from winter to summer, and that the main object of the change was to secure a larger attendance of the alumni. It appears reasonable that the attendance should be larger in summer, when business is dull, than in a busy season. The main thing now is to inform the alumni as to the time and place of the convention, and the chapters should try to accomplish this as far as possible. We suggest that each chapter invite local alumni to attend a meeting before commencement, called especially to arouse interest in the convention, and to join with the chapter in the discussion of the topics for legislation proposed in the last *Palladium*. Alumni whom active members may meet within the next three months should be informed or reminded of the convention, and every alumnus who comes to commencement should be informed. Announcements of the convention should be made in newspapers in connection with reports of Phi Delta Theta gatherings or of the election of chapter delegates

From all reports it seems that alumni day, March 15, has been obesrvd more generally this year than ever before. This issue contains accounts of a large number of celebrations both by alumni clubs and active chapters and we know of a number of meetings that have not yet been reported. This interest on the part of the alumni is most gratifying and we believe it will be increased if the national convention shall adopt Brother Palmer's suggestions to set aside an additional day for alumni to get together in the fall about the time the colleges are re-opening. Our body of alumni constitutes a vast mine of fraternity strength which needs only intelligent development.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE

Reporters are requested to forward chapter letters on the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication.

Please study to make letters terse. Facts which show the progress of the institution should be recorded, but chapter news, rather than ordinary college news, is desired. Kindly omit mention of changes among professors and of athletic events unless members of Phi Delta Theta are concerned.

Please write all proper names very clearly, or, if possible, typewrite the letters. Begin and end letters as they appear below. Write on only one side of the paper.

The Editor will appreciate the loan, of cuts of college views or of chapter groups or houses. Plates should be properly marked and should be mailed or expressed to THE SCROLL, care of the George Banta Publishing Company, Menasha, Wis., and prints from them or a list of them sent to the Editor. Plates larger than 4 by 2 inches, in either dimensions, cannot be used.

Photographs of parties or scenes which would make interesting illustrations will be very acceptable.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Since our last letter we have had the mid-term examinations and are glad to say that most of the chapter passed in everything.

Alabama has very bright prospects in baseball although we lost to the Philadelphia American league team 17 to 0; we lost to Cleveland of the same league by only 2 to 0. On April 2 we divided a double-header with Georgia Tech. The chapter is represented on the team by Brothers Moody and Pratt. The track team is hard at work and expects to make a good showing next week at its first meet with the Birmingham Athletic Club in Birmingham.

Brothers Morrow, '11 and White '13 have withdrawn from school but both intend to return next fall.

We had the pleasure and good fortune of having with us on March 21, Brothers Fred J. Coxe, S. G. C. and M. B. Lanier, president Eta Province. Our only regret is that they stayed only one night. It is needless to explain the benefits the chapter derived from them.

University, April 4, 1910. M. E. PRATT.

ALABAMA BETA, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

A Pan-Hellenic council has recently been formed by the different national fraternities here. The need of such an organization has long been felt and it is expected that much good will result. Alabama Beta is represented on this council by Brother M. Lothrop.

Spring athletics have begun and the prospects for a successful season are fair. There is an abundance of track material. Brother Dudley, an "A" man of last year, will represent $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ on the squad. The baseball team has shown up well, twice defeating the State Presbyterian College at Anniston, and making a good showing against the Montgomery (Southern league) team. Brothers Brown (catcher) and Wright are on the squad.

Since our last letter the chapter has received an interesting visit from Brother Fred J. Coxe, S. G. C.

Work has been begun on the new engineering hall and, when completed, this will be the finest building on the campus.

In closing we earnestly request all Phis who may know of good men coming to Auburn next year, to notify us.

Auburn, April 6, 1910.

W. W. ALEXANDER.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

It is evident this spring that the University of California is preparing for the great jubilee week, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its founding. The alumni secretary reports that more than 5,000 graduates have signified their intention of returning and participating in the reunion. To facilitate matters the town authorities will co-operate and endeavor to make this reunion a fitting semi-centennial.

California Alpha also has plans of its own on foot. The chapter house will be open during the week to all Phis. Buffet luncheons will be ready to refresh the jaded. Already the Los Angeles Alumni Club has reported that they will come back in force. On class day the annual reception, for which 1000 invitations will be issued, will close the week.

The 'varsity contest with Stanford is scheduled for April 16 and it is safe to predict that Roy Cowles, '09, will equal his former record of 51:4-5 in the high hurdles and that Albert Rathbone, '12, will place in the 220 and also do justice to the relay.

The question of baseball supremacy was decided in the final game on April 10, Stanford winning by a score of 8 to 3. The previous game was won by California 3 to 0.

On the morning of the last intercollegiate baseball game the boat clubs of the two universities competed on the Oakland estuary. Two races, a four oared and an eight oared, were pulled off. Both races resulted in decided victories for Stanford. Heath Angelo, '13, steered the freshmen four, while Harold Ashley, '10, as captain of the eight rowed No. 5 and Irving Markwart, '10, rowed No. 3.

The annual banquet of the San Francisco Alumni Club was held at the St. Francis Hotel. The active members of California Alpha and California Beta were on hand and helped enliven the more sober spirit of the older brothers. About eighty Phis were present.

Since our last letter Warren Pauly, '11, and Richard Montgomery, '11 have been elected to Skull and Keys. Pauly has also become a member of A Z, the agricultural honor society, and Harold Haven, '12, a member of The Senate, the debating society. John Hartigan, '10, has composed the music for the senior extravaganza "The Chasers," and also has a leading part in the play "Nero." Harold Ashley, '10, captain of this year's crew, has leading parts in "The Chasers," and the Greek play "Oedipus." Richard Montgomery, '11, is manager of the track team.

We regret to announce that William Jardiner, '03, has retired.

Berkeley, April 10, 1910.

IRVING G. MARKWART.

CALIFORNIA BETA, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

The greatest interest of the campus is at present centered on spring athletics and the excitement is increasing as the time for the various contests with the University of California approaches. Two of the series of three baseball games have been played with California, Stanford winning the first one by a score of 8-7 in the thirteenth inning and losing the second by the score of 3-0. The final game is to be played on California Field April 9 and upon the outcome of this game rests the intercollegiate championship. California Beta is represented on the varsity team by Brothers Cochran and Childs, who have been playing the positions of right field and left field respectively. The in-

terclass baseball championship was won by the class of 1911. Brothers Carraher and Langfit, were members of the winning team, thereby obtaining their class numerals. The regatta between the rowing clubs of Stanford and California takes place April 9. Much credit is due the men of the boating club for maintaining boating under such adverse circumstances after it had been dropped as an intercollegiate sport by the executive committee of the student body. Brother Roberts will coxswain the Stanford crew and Brother Hails will row the position of bow. Stanford lost the annual freshmen track meet with California by the score of 80½ to 41½ but from present prospects it appears that our varsity track team will be victorious. The chapter was represented on the freshman track team by Brother Thoburn who placed in the 440 yard dash. Brother Morgan has again won the interclass tennis championship and will represent us on the varsity tennis team. Brother Shaul is also trying out in tennis.

The amount of \$38,000 has been raised by the Stanford Union toward the erection of a club house. This building will be erected in the near vicinity of the Quad and it is hoped that the work will be started before long. This club house will contain meeting rooms for various student organizations, offices for student body officials, reading and lounging rooms, bowling alleys and billiard rooms, and in general will be a meeting place for Stanford men, past and present.

Brother A. Taylor has been elected to membership in the civil engineering society. The reporter wishes to correct the typographical error of the last SCROLL letter and state that Brother Nunan has been made an associate editor of *The Daily Palo Alto* and that Brother King has been placed on the staff of *The Chapparal* and elected to membership in Hammer and Coffin. Brothers Nunan and King have also been elected josh editor and art editor, respectively, of the 1912 *Quad*. Brother Beurhaus was in the chorus of the junior opera.

The chapter has been favored with visits from Brothers Shattuck of Ohio Gamma, Burroughs and Sprague of Ontario Alpha, Hillis of Indiana Gamma, Fick and McQuiston of our own chapter and various members of California Alpha.

BEN. F. WADE.

Stanford University, April 4, 1910.

COLORADO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Since our last letter we have initiated, and take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, S. Marvin James of Denver. The initiation was unique in that Mr. James was pinned by his father, Dr. C. B. James. Dr. James is a Phi from Ohio Beta, a member of the Denver Alumni Club and city and county physician of Denver. He has been one of the chapter's strongest friends since its installation and the boys all look upon him as their paternal adviser.

Baseball and track work are occupying the attention of the university athletes at present. In baseball we are represented by Brother Moses who has been doing excellent work as shortstop throughout the season. With the exception of the pitching staff the baseball team is very strong this season and has already won one game, which was played with Colorado College April 9. An inter-fraternity baseball league has been formed of which Brother Bonnell is president. The chapter has played one game, with Ω ΤΦ, which we won by a score of 14 to 9.

On March 19 the chapter gave a dinner dance which was one of the most enjoyable events of the season. The chapter is making active preparations for rushing on high school day which occurs on May 14. All the high schools of the state come to Boulder on that day for track and field meets and for the entertainment of visitors the chapter will give a smoker on May 13, and will keep open house during the next day which will end with a dance in the evening. The annual chapter picnic will be held at Eldorado Springs on May 20.

The two wings on the Hale Science Building have been completed and are now in use. This addition makes the Hale building one of the largest on the campus.

C. ERNEST HILL.

Boulder, April 12, 1910.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

Since our last letter we have lost Brothers J. S. Branham, '13, and J. M. Christian, '13. We were indeed sorry to lose them but if ill health does not continue they will doubtless return to us next fall.

Commencement speakers' places were won by Brothers S. T. Harrell, '10, G. W. Wight, '10, L. H. Christian, '10, W. M. Wright, '11, and T. B. Christian, '11. The freshman and sophomore places are awarded by contest instead of by class standing and have not yet been decided.

Great preparations for commencement are being made and we hope and expect the best one in the history of the college. Georgia Beta expects many of her alumni to be on hand to share the good time. We ask the brothers who anticipate attending to send us their names and the time they expect to arrive.

On the baseball teams we are represented by Brothers G. E. Clay, '10, C. W. Gunnels, '11, J. F. Benton, '11, J. S. Wight, '11, and F. B. Knight, '13. Our track men are Brothers G. E. Clay, '10, G. W. Wight, '10, F. B. Rawlings, '10, and T. B. Christian, '11.

Oxford, April 10, 1910.

P. H. CHRISTIAN.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

The joint convention of Gamma and Eta Provinces was held March 25 and 26 in Birmingham, Ala., "the Pittsburg of the South." Brother N. F. Williamson represented Georgia Gamma and reported a most pleasant and profitable trip. All the fellows who were fortunate enough to attend the convention felt much indebted to the Birmingham Alumni Club for the hospitality shown them.

The final examinations for the second term are over. It was very gratifying, when the class standing committee reported, to hear that all the brothers did well in their examinations and that the reports for the second term show a marked improvement in scholarship. Our province president put much emphasis on this point so we have been working to improve along this line.

Mercer's baseball season opened with a rush. The team is better this year than it has been for several seasons. Brother Hogg, playing first base, is representing $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ on the nine. Brother T. W. Tift, who is manager of the team, has secured a good schedule and is working for a good season with a vim that will not stop short of success.

Brother Clay Binion of Cuthbert, Ga., has been chosen as our delegate to the national convention, Brother A. C. Tift of Tifton, Ga., alternate.

Macon, April 10, 1910.

N. F. WILLIAMSON.

GEORGIA DELTA, GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

As the result of a donation of \$50,000 by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Tech will soon have a modern gymnasium. The building used for this purpose now is a poor one but with this amount to start on a very handsome Y. M. C. A. building will soon be erected to contain one of the best gymnasiums in the South.

Our alumni banquet was held on March 15. Though not quite so largely attended as usual it was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Our annual dance takes place this year on April 25. This has always been the greatest social event of the year to the chapter and an enjoyable time is expected.

In spite of the unexpected flunking of several members of the baseball team Tech is putting up a fine game this year. We broke even with Alabama in the first series and won the two games from Mercer last week. This start looks pretty good for the S. I. A. A. pennant. Brothers Wilson Armistead, Holland and Thompson are playing star ball and more than holding up our share of the athletic honors. The track team is showing up well.

Brother Ely, our representative at the province convention in Birmingham, reports a jolly good time besides a great amount of business accomplished.

Since our last letter we have initiated W. M. Slators of Atlanta. Brother Buchanan was unable to finish the year with us on account of sickness.

G. S. JONES, JR.

Atlanta, April 9, 1910.

IDAHO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO.

Athletics at the university have never had a brighter outlook than there is at the present time. Coach Vander Veer is working with the largest track squad ever turned out at Idaho. It is a very common occurrence to see over one hundred men in the track squad. Brother Montgomery is captain and Brothers Watts, Kendall and Phillips are trying out for positions on the team. Idaho is planning to attend the Pacific Coast meet in California during May. An interscholastic track meet will be held here April 29. Baseball practice was commenced several weeks earlier than usual this year on account of the good weather, and for this reason we expect a good team. Brothers Walker and Williams made the trip that the team has taken to the coast. Brother Lewis has been elected manager and Brother Kettenbach captain of the tennis team, which has gone to Lewiston for a week's practice.

The annual encampment of the battalion of cadets is being held in Lewiston this year, during the week April 11 to 16. A new constitution is being adopted by the A. S. U. I. for the purpose of making many needed changes. The prep department which has had equal rights with the college has been forced out and is now under its own separate organization.

The annual dance given by the active chapter at Eggan's Hall, April 7, was pronounced by all the grandest affair ever held in Moscow. A special orchestra led by Mr. Hellier-Collens was the treat of the evening. Several pieces of music were transposed from the fraternity song book for the occasion. The dance was given in conjunction with the local alumni club.

At a recent faculty meeting rules were enacted in regard to fraternities which included the following: That no freshman could belong to a fraternity and that no freshman could enter a fraternity house for any reason whatever. The first rule means that in order to keep house expenses down more men must be taken from the other three classes. The second rule seems to be too harsh and an attempt is being made to have it changed or withdrawn. The above rules and a few others along the same line are to go into effect in the fall of 1911.

We take great pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity Hawthorne Charles Gray of Coeur de Alene, whom we recently initiated. We also wish to present Brother Ross E. Rowell, who was a member of K. F. A. He is at present first lieutenant in the marine corps.

The alumni day celebration was held at the chapter house in conjunction with the alumni club March 15. Brother W. E. Lee was toastmaster. Many interesting talks were made and an enjoyable evening was reported by everybody. About forty were present. At this meeting the alumni club presented us with \$75, which is to be expended towards painting the house. We certainly appreciate this favor and are very thankful to them. The house is being painted during spring vacation and many other improvements are being made at the same time.

We have recently received visits from some of the alumni, also from Brothers George A. Dunham, Ohio Beta and T. Dwight Sloan, Virginia Zeta and Beta.

JAMES B. HAYS.

Moscow, April 9, 1910.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Since our last chapter letter Illinois Alpha has been reorganizing its chapter house association and during the last week we have received a charter from the State of Illinois.

The North Shore Alumni Club gave a very successful informal on the evening of February 21 at Rogers Park. On the evening of April 2 the junior class presented "His House in Order" at the Ravinia theater. Brothers Beck and Chamberlain represented $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ and both did justice to their parts.

During the last two months Illinois Alpha has had the pleasure of entertaining the following Phis: "Aunt" Alice Smith, Tennessee Alpha; Brothers Bickelhaupt, Wisconsin Alpha, '11; Breyspraak, Wisconsin Alpha, '13; Wilson, Wisconsin Alpha, '12; Stout and Parker, New Hampshire Alpha, '11; Liscomb, New Hampshire Alpha, '07; Moses, Illinois Beta, '12; Radford, Illinois Beta, '10; Kimbell and Ward, Illinois Eta, '10; Ruick, president of the general council and Banta, president of Zeta Province.

Brother Vehe has been elected delegate to the national convention and Brother Chamberlain alternate.

On March 12 our varsity track team defeated the University of Indiana by a score of $57\frac{1}{2}$ to $38\frac{1}{2}$ in the Northwestern gymnasium. We have a return meet later in the season. Baseball prospects are exceedingly bright. Coach Rundle will put his men to a hard test this week against Illinois and Wisconsin on their own fields. On April 1 the first annual indoor interscholastic meet was held in the gymnasium. This was the largest prep indoor meet ever held in the West, and was a success in every respect.

Brother Luker, representing the sophomore class, and Brother Schaeffer, captain of the track team, are on the undergraduate board of control.
Evanston, April 10, 1910.

GEO. S. YAPLE.

ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

On the evening of March 5 the upper classmen of Illinois Beta living at the house entertained at a dinner and dance given at the chapter house. The affair was held as an aftermath to a university dance given in the afternoon.

On March 15 Illinois Beta united with Illinois Alpha and the Chicago Alumni Club in celebrating alumni day. The banquet was held at the University Club. Plans for a closer relationship between the alumni and the active chapters were discussed and we sincerely hope they will materialize and be the means of greatly aiding $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in this city.

We were very successful in athletics during the winter quarter. The conference championship in basketball was hotly contested throughout the season, but Chicago succeeded in capturing this honor by defeating Minnesota in a very exciting game at the close of the season.

Prospects are unusually bright for a strong baseball team this year since practically all of the old men are back. On the track team we are represented by Brother Don Stophlet. Brother Calvin Smith won the university billiard tournament which was held last month.

Rehearsals have begun for "Pseudo Chicago," the comic opera to be given by the Blackfriars in May. We are represented in the cast by Brothers Milner and Smith, and in the chorus by Brothers Brown and Beck and Phikeia Gardner.

The chapter house will be open throughout the summer and any Phi's who may attend the summer school are cordially invited to make the house their home.

LYMAN K. GOULD.

Chicago, April 10, 1910.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

As we near the close of another college year we feel that Old Knox is rapidly gaining ground in the collegiate world. The endowment of \$250,000 has been raised and plans are now completed for the erection of the George Davis Science Hall. Knox has needed a science building for many years and the attainment of this goal is certain to raise her position among the colleges of the country.

On March 15 Illinois Delta and Illinois Zeta chapters held their annual alumni day banquet at the Illinois Hotel. The committee spared no effort to have a splendid menu and program of toasts. Brother Archie Booz, Illinois Delta, '04, acted as toastmaster. Brother Marvin E. Meacham responded for Illinois Delta while Brother Leonard spoke for Illinois Zeta. We were delighted to have with us on this occasion Brothers Griffith, head of the department of chemistry at Knox, Brother Fred Ewing, Illinois Delta, '03, and Lloyd Mosser, Illinois Beta.

The basketball season closed with Knox tied with Monmouth College for the intercollegiate championship of Illinois. Illinois Delta was represented on this team by Brothers Harry Aldrich, captain, Noble, and Karl Aldrich. Brother Henry Prince who is attending school at George Washington University will be in school next year and will strengthen the team materially. Coach Towne has picked the baseball

team and four of the brothers have been given positions: Brothers Noble, captain, left field; Karl Aldrich, catcher; Purington, right field and Lillie first base. Brother Ernest Wood represents us on the track team.

Brothers Adams and Welsh have made the freshman debating team which meets the team from Millikin University of Decatur in the near future.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers Welsh of Galesburg and Orcutt of Arcola.

J. KARL ALDRICH.

Galesburg, April 10, 1910.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD COLLEGE.

Illinois Zeta's annual prom, held March 4 in the Elks hall, proved to be the social event of the year in Lombard circles. The grand march concluded with the dancers arranging themselves in the form of the three letters $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. Following the program consisting of blue leather card cases on which was a bronze $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ coat of arms were given out and a program of twenty dances was greatly enjoyed. The music was by Seelig's orchestra of Peoria.

On the evening of March 15 Illinois Zeta and Illinois Delta held a joint alumni day banquet in the Illinois Hotel. About forty-five Phis were present and the occasion was most enjoyable.

Along dramatic and oratorical lines Illinois Zeta is well represented this year. Brother Brumfiel tied for first honors in the Swanson oratorical contest; Phikeia Brigham is leader of the college debating team and Brothers Leonard and Thurman are picked for leading parts in the senior class play.

Our basketball season closed with a brilliant record for the team. Brothers F. Webster, Chapman, and G. Webster and Phikeia Brigham have been awarded basketball "L's". In the baseball team this year Lombard sees a winner. Although it is not definitely decided as yet, it is quite probable that $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ will be represented by Brothers Thurman, McLeish, Leonard, Radcliffe and Cropper. The team was severely crippled by the loss of Brother Claycomb, catcher, and last year's captain, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, which will keep him out of the first, if not all of the games of the season.

Brothers Walter J. Hughes, John C. Weigel and Andrew W. Ray have paid us visits during the past month and we also had a call from Phikeia George Banta Jr., and Mr. Findeisen of the $\Theta\Phi$ fraternity at Lawrence.

Galesburg, April 9, 1910.

ILLINOIS ETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

With the second semester half over, Illinois Eta finds herself looking back at her sixteenth annual formal. Beginning Friday, February 18, the largest house-party ever celebrated by local Phis commenced. Benson's well-known orchestra from Chicago played for thirty dances at College Hall. The forty couples were served with a seven course luncheon at the chapter house during the intermission. Saturday afternoon all attended "The Gentleman from Mississippi," afterward adjourning for luncheon to the home of Mrs. Harris, our patroness, whose mansion is noted as the finest in town. In the evening all went to the Chicago-Illinois dual meets, which were easy victories, the 'varsity win-

ning 52-33 and the freshmen 48-21. In the latter Brother Cortis won the 440 and ran on the winning relay.

March 15 Brother Ward represented the chapter at the alumni banquet held in Chicago and reports great activity in that alumni club.

The 'varsity basketball season closed recently, leaving the team, of which Brother Watson was captain, in third place. Brother L. Green, in his first year of intercollegiate swimming, proved to be in a class by himself in the short distances, winning eighteen points in the two meets. Brother Conrad of the *Illini* staff, who has been reporting the baseball games, says that Huff's men have excellent prospects, with six men batting above the .300 mark through the Milwaukee series. Brothers Watson and Weeks reported for outdoor track, and Brothers Cortis, Overstreet and Kimball for the freshmen. Eleven men may be sent to the Pennsylvania games. The spring football call, with the new rules in force, has been answered by Brothers Davis, Hansel, Yeager, Woolston, D. Green and Overstreet.

The interfraternity baseball league has opened, and prospects are better than for years with three out of four practice games won. Brother Conrad is captain and Brother L. Green, manager.

The new Illinois Field which was constructed under the supervision of Graduate Athletic Director Ingold, '09, of this chapter, which is destined to be the best in the West, is to be the scene of the Western conference meet June 4.

A policy committee composed of a senior, a junior and a sophomore has been elected to consider matters of political importance to the chapter. Brothers Watson, Way and Hansel are members. Brother Meek, '10, having completed his course in agriculture, has withdrawn and will return to graduate in June. Brother Aleshire is a candidate for track manager next year. Brother Rev. John Balcom Shaw, Pennsylvania Alpha, '85, recently visited us.

CLYDE WAY.

Champaign, April 10, 1910.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter, we have initiated Jeff Goff of Russellville, and we take this means of introducing him to the Fraternity. We have also pledged three men. During the spring vacation the active chapter was entertained by the alumni of New Albany with a delightful dance. Almost the entire chapter attended and the occasion was a memorable one.

At a recent business meeting Brother Robert E. Neff, '11, of Eaton, Ind. was chosen delegate to the national convention. Brothers Hoover and Sharp were selected as alternates. We all feel that the chapter has shown wisdom in the choice of a delegate. Brothers Cronk and Rogers were elected delegates to the province convention, which will be held at Crawfordsville, April 21 to 23. Several other brothers are planning to attend the province convention.

Brother R. L. Lockry, Indiana Delta, '11, has entered school here and is living with us at the chapter house. Brother Foland has withdrawn from the university. We have recently had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers James W. Fesler and Albert M. Free.

It seems to be an assured fact that the trustees of the university will offer the various fraternities having chapters here the right to build chapter houses on that part of the university grounds east of Forest

Place. It is understood that fifty year leases will be given. Indiana Alpha has already taken preliminary steps toward building, and a joint meeting of local alumni and the chapter house committee of the active chapter was held last week. The old corporation will be reorganized immediately. Every man in the chapter has signed notes for one hundred dollars.

The attention of the student body just now is directed toward the varsity baseball team. The outlook for a team is fairly good, but we are weak in the pitching staff and in the outer gardens. The men are showing up well with the stick, and the infield in exceptionally fast. Coach Roach has developed a speedy little catcher in "Louie" Lewis. Indiana Alpha is represented on the team by Phikeia Burtt, who is holding down the initial sack like a veteran. Baseball also holds the center of the stage in fraternity circles at present. The inter-fraternity league will begin its schedule in the near future. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ defeated the $B\Theta\text{II}$ team, 6 to 1, in a practice game this week. The Phi team is considered one of the strong contenders for the cup. The bridge whist tournament, which closed last term, brought second honors to the $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ team.

W. H. HIPS Kind.

Bloomington, April 9, 1910.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

We are now entering upon the third term of the college year. All of the men in the active chapter returned except Brothers Ray Smally, '12, Campbell Kennedy, '13, and Ted Sawers, '13. The withdrawal of these men from college is a distinct loss to the chapter and we hope that they may yet decide to return. Our efforts to bring up the scholarship of the chapter were rewarded by the absence of any low marks during the past term and we sincerely hope that we will not be humiliated by poor work on the part of any member of the chapter during the ensuing term.

Baseball and track men are busy at present. Brother Johnson, as captain of the track team, is greatly encouraged over the prospects for a winning team this spring. Brothers Stanton, Kingery and Elliott are all showing improvement in their events and will no doubt be point winners later on in the season. The baseball team opens the season this afternoon with a semi-professional team. A very good schedule has been arranged and the team is assured of a good season. Brothers Carrithers and Stutzman represent Indiana Beta on the squad.

The glee club is on its annual tour at present and from the reports of Brothers Johnson and Spahn the men are having a very successful trip.

During vacation quite a number of the chapter attended the alumni banquet held at the Dennison Hotel, at Indianapolis. Brother DeVore responded to the toast "The Baby Brothers." About eighty Phis attended and it was a most delightful occasion.

Indiana Beta is busy arranging for the province convention April 21-23. It is our intention to make this the occasion for a closer unity between the chapters of Epsilon Province and we hope that it will be well attended.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Clark of Indiana Alpha this week.

LAWRENCE DEVORE.

Crawfordsville, April 7, 1910.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER COLLEGE.

Indiana Gamma is again living in its chapter house, from which it was put to rout some weeks ago by bad weather and an unruly furnace. Our pleasure at this fact, however, is offset by our regret that Brothers Boston, Goe, Leech and Spray felt unable for different reasons to return to school for the spring term.

Since our last letter, the chapter has given several parties, the largest of which was a dance at the spacious home of Brother Hilton U. Brown. On the evening of March 26, Brother Floyd Boston entertained the chapter and its fair friends with a delightful evening at bridge.

On April 15 Brothers Adams and Conway will go to Oxford, Ohio to debate against Miami on the postal savings bank question.

Baseball is coming on with a rush. Although the team has not yet been definitely chosen, Indiana Gamma is sure to have her usual good representation. The team is being coached by Brother Jack Cullen of this chapter. Brother Cullen is following in the footsteps of Brother Jennings of Detroit and we hope that he may make as great a name for himself if he sticks to baseball. Track work is also claiming a large share of the brothers' attention. Brother Roberts is varsity captain. Active preparations are now going on for the interclass meet which will be held in the near future. Brother Hartley has been elected track captain by the seniors, Brother Roberts by the juniors, Brother Thomas by the sophomores and Brother Johns by the freshmen.

Irvington, April 10, 1910.

LEE MOFFETT.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Indiana Delta opens the spring term with excellent prospects although we regret the loss of Brothers Smith, Jones and Lochry. Phikeia Warren Yount of Morgantown has entered school this term. The chapter was much surprised by the marriage of Brother Fred Young, '10, and Miss May Van Wye, '09, during the spring vacation. However Brother Young will be with us this term and will graduate in June.

For the annual class play this year the senior class will present a musical comedy entitled "The Wrong Sultan," written by Brother Elmer H. Davis, '10.

Brothers Ritchey and Brown and Phikeia Yount will probably make the varsity team in baseball this spring. Brother Wilbur J. Brewer, '11, represents Franklin in the state peace oratorical contest at Crawfordsville April 15.

We anticipate a pleasant reunion of alumni on the evening of April 28, when we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the chapter at Franklin.

Phikeia Clay of Columbus is seriously ill with appendicitis and will be out of school this term. Brother George Banta, '76, favored us with a visit on April 3 and 4. Brother Julian S. Bryan, '09, of Haverford College is visiting the chapter this week.

ARTHUR C. BROWN.

Franklin, April 9, 1910.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

Phi Delta Theta prospects at Hanover have never seemed brighter in the past five or six years than they do at present. We have already pledged some incoming high school men whose records in their respec-

tive schools indicate their desirability in the fraternity field. We will lose but one man by graduation and have thus a nucleus around which to build an excellent chapter next year.

The basketball team just closed the most successful year in the history of college athletics at Hanover. We defeated Butler, Indiana State Normal, Kentucky State, Franklin and others of minor class. Out of 322 points scored by Hanover on their opponents, Brother Nowlin, captain of the varsity, secured an even hundred points.

Brothers Reynolds, F. Montgomery and C. Montgomery are practicing daily on the tennis court and the Phi team has a good show in the inter-fraternity finals to be played at commencement.

The baseball team is practicing daily and has played a couple of practice games, defeating Moores Hill college by a score of 5 to 2. Brother Nowlin is playing first base on the varsity.

In the recent press club election Brother Almond was elected editor in chief of the college weekly *The Triangle*, and he also won the oration in the inter-literary society contest late in March.

Hanover, April 10, 1910.

JAMES E. ALMOND.

INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

On March 1 Indiana Zeta gave her annual formal party. Faculty and town people were our guests in the afternoon while the evening was devoted to the entertainment of nearly two hundred college friends. Brother Ruick, P. G. C., *De Pauw*, '97, and Mrs. Ruick were with us at this time, as were Brothers Reynolds of Hanover and Gamble of Wabash.

On March 11 De Pauw won a double victory over Wabash in debate. The same question was debated simultaneously at Crawfordsville and at Greencastle, both De Pauw teams gaining the decision. Brother Scott Brewer showed up well on De Pauw's home team.

The chances for a winning baseball team are very bright. Several practice games have been played, and the candidates are showing up unusually well. The schedule is the best in years, twenty-four college games being listed. Brother Claire Bittles is putting up a good fight for third base and is pretty certain of winning his "D." The inter-fraternity baseball season is now in full swing and the interest in this contest is running higher than ever. We have won the championship loving cup twice in the five years it has been contested for and our team this year is fully up to the standard of former years. We are at present negotiating for a series of games with the brothers at Wabash.

Greencastle, April 10 1910.

EDWIN THOMAS.

INDIANA THETA, PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

During the winter months it has been rather quiet at Purdue. But now with the coming of spring student activities have increased. Since the last letter we have moved into the new house which is easily the best house here. We have also initiated seven pledges and take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers F. C. Mayfield, '12, of Indianapolis; W. L. Wymond, '13; B. C. Milner Jr., '13, of Louisville, Ky.; G. R. Barr, '13; C. E. Pyle, '13, of Rochester; J. G. Herr, '13, of Goshen and R. M. Bartholomew, '13, of Chicago, Ill. They are all excellent men and have already proven themselves worthy in all lines of student activities about the university. We had a little house party

April 7-10 and everybody was very agreeably entertained with an informal dance at the house, junior promenade and Harlequin club show.

The Harlequin club under the management of Brother Howland made a great success of George Ade's "The City Chap." We were represented in the cast by Brother Sonntag; in the chorus by Brothers Sexton, Bartholomew and Brundige, and in the working staff by Brothers Mayfield, Herr and Pyle. We are planning a house warming for the alumni the latter part of the week and are looking forward to a great time when all the old Phis will be back.

Now that we are permanently settled we expect visits from all Phis, and our guest room is always open

DYER BUTTERFIELD.

West Lafayette, April 11, 1910.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

We are sorry to announce the withdrawal from college of Brother Evan Ringland, '12, who is now at Shoshone, Ida. Brothers E. W. Sinclair and Sidney Smith are also in Shoshone. We have initiated Max Kinney, '12, Glen Tallman, '13, and Carl Whitney, '13 of Mt. Pleasant; Kenneth Johnston, '13, of Seymour; Gaugh Cheney, '13, of Keosauqua; M. L. Cox, '13, of Martinsburg; Scott Pidgeon, '13, of Salem and Paul J. Otto, '13, of Albuquerque, N. Mex.

The alumni banquet which was held at the chapter house was attended by the active chapter, some twenty local alumni and Brothers Jesse Beck of Centerville, Fred Beck of Fremont, Ed. Meyers of Marengo, Ed Stuber of Mt. Hamil, Carl Krenmeyer of Salem and Freeman Havighorst of Danvers, Ill.

The Wesleyan endowment campaign was brought to a successful close April 7, and everything seems to be booming. The brothers of the university glee club report a fine tour and many pleasant visits with alumni and other "live Phis."

A strong baseball team is showing up and $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ will not be left unrepresented.

Preparations are under way for a commencement banquet and all Phis are requested to be present.

C. E. SMITH.

Mt. Pleasant, April 12, 1910.

IOWA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Our alumni banquet given at the Burkeley Imperial, March 15, was a very successful affair. Many of our alumni returned and the spirit with which they came was proof that the old Phi spirit had remained with them through their years in the business world. Among those who were here was Brother William George, '84, of Aurora, Ill., one of the founders of Iowa Beta.

We are now on the straight road to the building of a chapter house, plans having been made and considerable money raised; with the help of the aulmni we hope soon to throw open the doors of another Phi home.

The university has taken another step forward in raising requirements for entrance in the college of liberal arts. Track and baseball are progressing nicely under proficient coaching. Great preparations are being made for the invitation high school meet to be held under university auspices May 14. This will afford excellent opportunity for the fraternities to come in touch with the most prominent high school men of the state.

On April 2 the freshmen Greek association gave their third and final party of the year. Brother Ristine is secretary of the organization. On April 15 the Pan-Hellenic party will be given. The Pan-Hellenic Council, of which Brother Denio is vice president, plans to make it the most elaborate formal party of the year. The university dramatic club will put on "The Genius," April 29. Brother Miller, manager, will have the leading role; Brothers Oakes and Fee will also be in the cast.

Spring vacation is now on and only four of us are left to enjoy the silence—Brothers Murphy, Denio, McKenna and Wishard—but with Brother Ristine's car here we hope to live until the Brothers' return.

H. A. WISHARD.

Iowa City, April 7, 1910.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

The substantial news item from Kansas Alpha is the recent acquisition of a good home. It has for years been the hope to provide ourselves and the chapters to follow with a suitable chapter house of our own, but only within the past two months has the proposition materialized. Arrangements are completed that we are to occupy the property between June 1 and 15.

Trouble which has been rather expected for some months seems to be coming to a climax. Fraternities have been in a way under the ban or under watch for a year past by the regents of the university, perhaps with a view toward establishing a one year rushing rule or a term rushing rule. Recently the various fraternities received letters from the chancellor suggesting that all fraternities adopt a rule that no man shall be pledged or initiated until he has been in the university for a year, is entirely unconditioned and shows evidence of good scholarship. The rule as suggested is unreasonably strict and although we expect some restrictions in the matter it will certainly be modified in some respects. The Pan-Hellenic committee has conferred with the chancellor and will be allowed to present its case to the board of regents soon. In this connection the interesting information has developed that the number of hours deficient (failure, conditions and incomplete) among non-fraternity men was 16 per cent of their total enrolled hours; among fraternity men 14 per cent; in $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ alone 6.2 per cent—best among the eight fraternities here.

The inter-fraternity debate is in process of development. Brother Frith is our representative. The series of inter-fraternity baseball games has just begun, and of course no data is as yet forthcoming.

The regents have considered the substitution of Rugby for our American football or the complete elimination of the sport but it is doubtful if the matter will be carried farther as a decided aversion to change exists throughout the state as well as the university.

The active chapter and ladies were very pleasantly entertained by the Lawrence alumni at a St. Patrick's day party, March 18.

Lawrence, April 8, 1910.

CHAS. J. ROBINSON.

KENTUCKY ALPHA-DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother A. G. Foster, Jr., from El Paso, Texas. Brother Woodford, who left school early in the spring last year, has returned to finish his law course and to get his degree.

Central not only won the state championship in basketball but the championship of the South as well, winning two games from the championship team of Vanderbilt. Baseball outlook is encouraging and we expect to carry away the state championship. We are well represented on the team by Brothers Vinson (captain) and Duffy. Brother Anderson is showing up well on the track.

There is to be a new feature connected with the carnival this spring and that is an interscholastic field meet in which all high schools throughout the state are to participate. We expect the carnival to be a more complete success this spring than ever before.

Kentucky Alpha-Delta regrets to announce the death of an alumnus Brother Martin Nathaniel Welch, *Centre*, '97. His death occurred on March 30, at Denver, Colo., where he had been residing for the past two years on account of his health.

Danville, April 12, 1910.

Wm. C. ANDERSON.

KENTUCKY EPSILON, KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY.

The one thing of interest at present to Phis at the University of Kentucky is the chapter house movement. The motto of the chapter is, "Own a house or bust," and from the interest shown by the alumni when the proposition was put to them at the annual alumni banquet, and also from the eagerness and earnestness with which the members of the active chapter have taken up this project, it is almost a certainty that Kentucky Epsilon will build or buy before September. The alumni have been organized and will be incorporated. Brother Manier, our province president, was unable to be with us at the banquet and all missed the talk he was to have given us. The idea of building a permanent home for $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ at the University of Kentucky was first conceived about six years ago, and at that time the note system for graduates was established. We are just now arriving at a point where we can do something, and it was largely due to a talk which Brother Manier gave us in February that the matter was taken up in earnest and carried this far.

Our representative, Brother Lewis, reports a good meeting and good work at the joint province convention in Birmingham. Brother Jas. Cary has been elected to represent Kentucky Epsilon at the national convention at Niagara Falls.

SHELBY SHANKLIN.

Lexington, April 11, 1910.

LOUISIANA ALPHA, TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Commencement will be on May 18, while the examinations will start on May 5. Louisiana Alpha is contributing her share of graduates. Brother Bean is finishing in medicine, and with Brothers George West, Edwin Russell, Henry Chambers and Donald Renshaw graduating in the engineering department we feel that we are losing excellent students, and the most active perhaps of our members.

The tennis tournament for the $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ trophy was indeed a very interesting one. Nearly all the matches were close and the ultimate result of the tournament was doubtful until the last point was made. ΣX is again the winner. They won the cup last year and if it shall be won by them again next year it will become their property. KA and A T Ω came out second and third respectively. Our team was composed of Brothers Louis Fortier and Michel Provosty.



LOUISIANA ALPHA CHAPTER—TULANE UNIVERSITY

We are still getting our share of college honors. Brother Lucien Fortier is one of the few third year medical students to be made an interne in the Charity Hospital. Brother Michel Provosty has been elected on a committee to publish the first law edition of the *Tulane Weekly*.

An inter-fraternity baseball league has been formed. Σ X has promised a pennant to the winner. All the fraternities at Tulane are entering teams. The baseball team here left for a tour of Mississippi and Texas. While away they will play ten games and the prospects of winning a great majority are exceptionally bright.

New Orleans, April 10, 1910. MICHEL BECNEL PROVOSTY.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY COLLEGE.

Coach McGraw is working hard to turn out a winning baseball team. Already we have played a preliminary game with Maine, which we lost, but we are not down-hearted. Two trips out of the state are scheduled, on one of which we play Holy Cross. Brothers Harlow and Frohock are playing with the regular team and they, under the leadership of Brother Cary, captain, will give Maine Alpha a good showing. Track work is coming along fine under the training of Coach Thompson. We expect to have an assistant track coach very soon and, with the material at hand, Colby should at least have a look in at the M. I. A. A. meet at Lewiston next month.

Since our last letter Brothers Goodwin, '13, Baldwin, '12, and Ennis, '13, have left college.

Some forty preparatory school students were here April 15 to take part in the Will H. Lyford prize speaking contest open to the students of the Maine preparatory schools, and were entertained during their stay at the different fraternity houses. The annual junior promenade will be held April 29. Commencement will be held during the week of June 17 to 23.

We have two men pledged for next fall and hope to get a large delegation in next year's entering class.

CROWELL E. PEASE.

Waterville, April 21, 1910.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

Since our last letter the basketball team has completed its schedule of twelve games without a defeat, thus winning for the fourth successive time the New England league championship. Brother Lambie, who captained the team this year, deserves largely the credit for the completion of such a successful season under the difficulties which existed. The relay team completed its season by defeating Brown at the Troy meet on February 22. Brothers Alexander and Lester ran on the team and Brother Alexander also won third place in the 40 yard dash.

On March 16 Fletcher Douglas Parker, '11, of Minneapolis, Minn., was initiated and we take pleasure in presenting him to the Fraternity.

Since our last letter the following college honors have fallen to members of the chapter: Van Gorder has been elected president of the Williams Christian association for next year and has also been elected captain of the hockey team; Parker is president of the good government club and vice president of the Christian association; Bartlett has been chosen editor-in-chief of the 1912 *Gul* and has been elected to the editorial board of the *Lit*; Jamieson is captain of the swimming

team for next year; Hamlin is recording secretary of the Christian association.
J. D. LESTER.

Williamstown April 12, 1910.

MASSACHUSETTS BETA, AMHERST COLLEGE.

Massachusetts Beta has a baseball team thoroughly trained in all the angles of "inside" baseball. More is apparent "inside" than is visible to the naked eye. Elliott, '13, is captain, and the interfraternity league comprising thirteen teams will soon publish its schedule.

Plans for a badly-needed new chapter house seem now to be taking shape under the able direction of Brother Loomis, '96, of the faculty.

April vacation saw the musical clubs on a long western trip. Brothers Randell, '12, and Steber, '12, were on the trip. Brother Cooke, '11, spent the vacation motoring through the Connecticut valley with a large party in his car.

On its southern trip Brothers McClure, '10, and Vernon, '12, aided Amherst materially in winning the majority of its baseball games by their work in the box.

Brother "Jimmie" Haldeman, Dickinson, '03, with his line of goods and talk from the West, gave the chapter the best address it has heard in several years when he arrived here.

Brother H. G. Lord, '11, has been elected managing editor of *The Amherst Student*, and Brother Treadwell, '11, has been elected chairman of the junior banquet committee.

May brings the chief social function of the year, the junior prom, which lasts five days at the latter end of the month.

Amherst, April 9, 1910.

GEORGE L. TREADWELL.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Michigan Alpha's annual banquet on March 18 proved to be one of most successful held in a number of years. Fifty Phis sat down at table, twenty-two of them "old grads." Brother A. B. C. Hardy of Detroit acted as toastmaster.

On March 17 we initiated George S. Jay, who hails from Shenandoah, Iowa. Brother John Clark has left college but expects to be back next year. He is now at his home in Clinton, Mich.

The coming college year will see the departure of two, and possibly three, Phis from Michigan's faculty. Brother George P. Burns, assistant professor of botany, has accepted an offer from Vermont to become head of the department of botany there. Brother Burns has been granted a two years leave of absence by the university and we hope to have him with us again at the end of that time. Brother Charles W. Johnston, junior professor of education, is going to the University of Kansas to become dean of that department. Brother Charles W. Edmunds, professor of therapeutics and *materia medica* on the medical faculty, has received an enticing offer from Leland Stanford University to fill the same chair there, but has come to no decision as yet. The loss of these men will be a severe blow to the chapter as well as to the university. They have all taken a strong interest in the chapter and their help and interest have been invaluable.

An inter-fraternity baseball series is not usual at Michigan but there is always a large number of games played. We played our first game last week against Σ A E, and were defeated in a fourteen-inning game

by the score of 3 to 2. Some very strong material was apparent and we ought to develop a good team.

The junior hop was as enjoyable as usual and an unusually large number of guests made affairs particularly festive in the house. Michigan Alpha entertained seventeen guests. Mrs. C. Kretschmar of St. Louis and Mrs. B. Salter of Cleveland were chaperones.

The track team is fulfilling its promise of strength and has had an easy time in the two indoor meets held thus far, defeating Syracuse 52 to 12 and Cornell 54 1-3 to 17 2-3.

JAS. S. LAWNSHE.

Ann Arbor, April 10, 1910.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The military ball with $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ strongly represented on the committees is the next big social event of the school year. "Professor Napoleon," a musical comedy with a large cast participating, given by the Twin City society for charity, was recently staged, Brothers Victor, Johnston and Walters taking part in the production. Brother Peppard has been appointed major in the U. of M. cadet corps. Brother Rexford is out for the baseball team this year and Brother Johnston, captain of the 1910 football team, has called the gridiron squad out for spring practice and is also out for the track. Brother Vance has been delegated our representative to the inter-fraternity council and is on the committee which will draw up the by-laws for that organization.

Two inter-fraternity baseball leagues, one comprising the academic and the other the professional fraternities, have been formed and have commenced playing their schedules. Minnesota Alpha, a member of the former, won her first game played, defeating $\Delta\Upsilon$ by a 7 to 0 score April 9. Our next game is with F. L. X., a local which is petitioning $\Phi\Sigma K.$

We were honored by two visits from Brother George Banta, province president, this spring, one in March and the other in April. Our annual banquet was held at the Minneapolis Club and was a great success. Brother A. C. Rogers, Indiana Delta, '77 was the guest of honor. Plans for a new house were pushed and the outlook for Minnesota Alpha to be installed in a home of her own by next fall are very good. Brother G. B. Frankforter, Nebraska, '84, was elected president of the Twin City Alumni Club for the ensuing year. Brothers Vance and L. M. Powell, '04, attended the banquet of the Duluth Alumni Club as representatives of the chapter and the Twin City Alumni Club respectively.

The new girls' dormitory will be under roof by the end of June. This will mark an era in the life of the fair sex at the university. How kind of the regents to locate the dorm across from our building site.

On February 18 Brother Merrill entertained the active chapter at dancing at his home 2106 Aldrich Avenue South. The affair took the shape of a valentine party, Brother Merrill proving a royal host. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. Minnesota Alpha entertained Tau Shonka, the junior inter-fraternity society, at the house on March 9. Students of the university were granted a spring vacation of one week, the first of that duration in many years, from March 21 to 28.

Henry Odland, Hurley, S. Dak., medicine, '14, was initiated February 12. Brother C. W. Walters acted as toastmaster at the banquet recently given to the members of the school of mines by the juniors of

that school. Brother Clyde McCormack responded for the freshmen. E. V. Mercer, better known as "Ted" Mercer, a member of the students religious work committee of the Y. M. C. A., visited Minnesota in February, paying each fraternity chapter an individual visit and giving a short talk on each occasion.

Visiting Brothers: George Banta; W. V. Bickelhaupt, *Wisconsin*; F. R. Haynes, *Minnesota*; John Schruth, *Chicago*; E. A. Orcutt, *Iowa*; V. T. Mather, *Minnesota*. . . O. NORMAN NELSON.

Minneapolis, April 10, 1910.



A GROUP OF MISSISSIPPI PHIS.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

All the fraternities at the university are very happy over the recent decision of the legislature when the bill to put fraternities out of the university was defeated. Senator Lee Russell of Oxford, who has been fighting fraternities for a long time, introduced the bill and worked very hard. The fight was a long and hard one and it was only through the combined efforts of the fraternities and our loyal supporters in the legislature that we came out the winners. Brother Fred Witty is president of the Pan-Hellenic council here and took a very active part in the fight. We are very much pleased with the liberal appropriation which the legislature gave us and in the course of a

short time many improvements in the university will be begun. About one hundred of the legislators spent a day on the campus last month inspecting the university and looking after its needs.

Walker of the University of Chicago has been secured to coach our baseball team. He has a lot of fine material and prospects for the Southern championship are very bright. Brother L. P. Jones is holding down his old position at shortstop. Dr. N. P. Stauffer of Pennsylvania, our 1909 football coach, will be down the last of May to give the team spring practice.

The state oratorical contest will be held at Greenville May 13. We play A. & M. College of Starkville the deciding game of ball for the state championship on that date. At a recent meeting of the athletic association Brother Rundle Smith was elected manager of the track team. Prospects for a good team are very bright.

We were all very much grieved to hear of the death of Brother Hugh T. Buckley on February 24. He died very suddenly of heart trouble at his home in Winona. He graduated from here in the literary department in 1908. Since then he had been teaching school at Natchez, Miss., until a few weeks before his death. His death was a sad shock to his many friends and a great loss to the Fraternity. Our chapter went to Winona and performed the ritualistic burial service.

Brother Frank Gardner, who withdrew from school in February, paid us a short visit last week, coming through the country in his new Winton Six.

We were also glad to have on our visiting list lately Brothers Ripley of Alabama, Leavell of St. Louis, Sledge of Como, Ed. Smith of Indianola and Cliff Buckley of Winona.

University of Mississippi, April 13, 1910. WILLIAM T. WYNN.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

In this our last letter to THE SCROLL for this scholastic year Missouri Alpha is glad to report that an important stride towards a new chapter house has been made. Our present house and part of our grounds will be sold soon. This will leave us with a large and choice building lot, on which we expect to erect a home of a permanent character. For the coming year we expect to occupy our present house, which will undergo repairs of a very desirable nature at the hands of our probable purchaser.

This chapter was recently visited by Brother George Banta and the sole regret of the chapter in that connection is that this visitation was the last which Brother Banta will make in his capacity as president of this province unless he can be prevailed upon to assume the duties of this office again.

Brother J. P. McBaine of this chapter and who is also a graduate of Columbia University is now a professor in the law department here. We now have two members in the faculty of the law school, Judge E. W. Hinton being acting dean of that department.

The chapter will possess the usual strength at the opening of the next school year. We expect to lose six men by graduation and the indications are that all other members of the chapter will return to school. In this connection we wish to ask all who know of Phi material to send us a few lines telling of the prospective pledge and giving us as nearly as possible the date of his arrival here and his probable quar-

ters. Communications of this kind should be addressed to the Rushing Committee of Phi Delta Theta.

The university baseball team is in good form this season and promises to win many games. Brother W. H. Saunders, who was varsity quarterback this year, is one of the catchers. J. P. KLEIN.

Columbia, April 11, 1910.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

On March 12 the chapter, as a body, held services at the grave of Father Robert Morrison, here in Fulton. At night a feast was given in the chapter hall, many of the alumni being in attendance. Reminiscences were indulged in by the alumni for the benefit of the chapter and the chapter in turn acquainted the visitors with the quality and quantity of the work accomplished since September. The Bond was read, the ritual was performed and the secret work was made vivid in the minds of those present.

Brother Arthur Kriehn retired from school the middle of February and has accepted a responsible position with J. H. Felt & Co., architects, of Kansas City, Mo. Brother Kriehn was an earnest worker and is greatly missed by the active men. Three informal dances, given in the chapter hall since the beginning of the second term, have helped to relieve the monotony of college work.

Spring holidays occur April 21-25, during which the baseball team and glee club will make trips throughout this part of the state. An appreciated recent visitor was Brother George Banta, president of Zeta Province, who was with us for a short while last week.

Fulton, April 9, 1910.

JNO. T. READY.

MISSOURI GAMMA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

The annual junior prom was held on the evening of February 21; Brothers Ware and Lane were on the committee in charge. The annual chapter dance was held April 1, at the Woman's Club. It was acknowledged by all present to have been the best dance given by any organization connected with the university. The chapter is greatly indebted to Brother Chas. Wall, '10, for making it such a success. Members of the chapter received invitations to dances given by K Σ, Σ X and Σ N.

The annual play "Thyrsus" was given by the university dramatic club March 29. Brother Eliot had a prominent part in the cast. The annual alumni banquet was held at Faust's, March 15. All the active chapter was present.

The chapter was favored with a visit from Brother Banta, president of Zeta Province. All the chapter present enjoyed his visit very much but, owing to the fact that it was Saturday and the morning after the chapter dance, all the chapter were not present.

Missouri Gamma wishes to introduce to the Fraternity Brothers Albert Blatterman and Andrew C. Duncan of St. Louis and R. Winston Price of Webster Grove. We lost by retirement Brother Walter H. Ware, '11, who has accepted a position with the Bell Telephone Co. at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Chapel exercises are now being held twice a week, on Wednesday mornings and Sunday afternoons. The Sunday exercises, especially, are being well attended both by students and by visitors from the city. A

student choir has been organized to assist in the exercises. Brothers Eliot and Duncan are members.

The basketball team proved weak at first but later strengthened and beat Missouri two games and won one and lost one to Kansas University, the Missouri Valley Conference champions. The prospects for a winning baseball team are excellent.

GEO. W. LANE.

St. Louis, April 21, 1910.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Nebraska Alpha takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers Sherman McCaffery, Omaha; Carl S. Meyer, Omaha; Louis Anderson, Genoa; Howard Porter, Grand Island; Warren B. Romans, Dennison, Iowa; Frank Mead, Hastings.

The inter-fraternity baseball season began last week and we had the good fortune to win our first game by defeating $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ by a score of 22 to 5. We owe much of our success in winning this game to the coaching of Brother Cline who was on the varsity three years ago. Brother Metcalf is playing short on the varsity again this spring and the prospects of a winning team were never brighter.

Phikeia Howard has won the position of shortstop on the freshman team. In the Western amateur athletic meet held in Omaha April 1 Brother Anderson won the western championship in the 2 mile run. Brother Anderson also had the distinction of lowering the university record by 30 seconds in the race. Brothers Shock, Lee and Anderson and Phikeia Pierce are striving for places on the track team.

Brother Halligan was elected chairman of the Pan-Hellenic banquet to be given April 16. Brother Cain was elected chairman of the Pan-Hellenic dance which is to be given the last part of May. Brother Cain was also elected chairman of the "non-com" hop, which is to be held this month. Brother Cline is chairman of the ivy day committee. Brother W. B. Romans is chairman of the freshmen hop committee.

On March 19 we had our thirty-fifth annual banquet at Omaha. Eighty-five Phis were gathered around the banquet board. Brother John L. Kennedy, ex-congressman, was toastmaster. Brothers Anderson and Forie, two of the founders of this chapter, were present and gave short interesting toasts pertaining to the early history of Nebraska Alpha. This was undoubtedly the largest and most enthusiastic fraternity banquet ever held in Nebraska.

RALPH G. COAD.

Lincoln, April 9, 1910.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

It has been a number of years since Hanover has seen such an early spring as this. The campus was clear of snow by the middle of March, so that the track and baseball teams were able to have two weeks of outdoor practice before the recess began. The result is that both teams are much further advanced than is usually the case at this time. In place of the southern trip the baseball team has just completed a series of games with teams of the New England league, and a marked improvement in the squad is obvious. The team has now returned and is holding daily practice on the campus, the oval not yet being in fit condition for the work.

On the evening of March 15, alumni day, the freshman delegation



NEBRASKA ALPHA, ACTIVE CHAPTER.

Left to Right, First Row—Hoel, Romans, G. Thomas, Gant, Halligan, Cain, Cline.
Second Row—Owen, Schock, Gibson, O'Connor, A. Thomas, Barber, Woodward.
Third Row—Lee, Coad, Howard, Birkner, Maish, Bunting, McCutcheon, Thurston, Webster,

gave its annual minstrel show for the benefit of our visitors. It proved a success in spite of its many shortcomings and a pleasant evening was spent by all. Active interest is being taken in chapter baseball by practically all of the brothers and practice of a more or less organized nature is being held regularly on the rush lot. It is hoped that games can be arranged with our sister chapters near at hand.

Hanover, April 15, 1910.

EVERARD S. PRATT.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

With the joys of the Easter vacation over, the fellows are all back ready for the remainder of the college year. Up to date it has been a pleasant and successful year for New York Alpha and those of us who are to return next fall heave a sigh of regret when we think that graduation will take from us Brothers Cook, Douglass, Holbrook, Kirkman, Tewksbury and Wheeler. Judging from their records as active men we feel that they will be numbered among our strongest alumni and wish them all the best success.

The annual banquet proved very successful. The relations between the active chapter and the alumni were discussed quite elaborately with the result that a letter is to be sent to each alumnus stating the exact condition of affairs both financially and socially. Those present were Brothers C. B. Mason, '94, H. J. Couch, '01, E. J. Snow, '03, L. T. Ketchum, '04, D. S. Simpson, '06, and Professors Kingsbury and Whetzel. Recently the chapter was pleased with the initial visit from Brother Frank J. R. Mitchell. We also were pleased with a visit from Brother McFetter, New Hampshire Alpha, '05, who was in town on business. Brother Douglass was elected to Savage club.

The cup offered the winner in the inter-fraternity bowling tournament, which ran for a period of about two months, was easily captured by our team. Out of 24 games played we met defeat but once. Within the next fortnight the inter-fraternity baseball schedule will commence and we are hoping for a string of victories under the leadership of Brother Douglass who was chosen captain. Work on our new tennis court is progressing rapidly and we expect very soon to be using it.

The present rushing system which has been in practice for the past two years was unanimously declared a failure. A new system, not completed as yet in all details, is being advocated, and we have hopes for its success.

W. H. KENNEDY.

Ithaca, April 9, 1910.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION UNIVERSITY.

Union opened March 30 for the spring term work. In the winter term exams we had an excellent record, no Phi being forced to withdraw from college on account of inferior scholarship. Spring athletics have begun and the prospects for baseball and track are very good. Brother Dunn, '11, is on the varsity pitching staff and Brothers Smith, Lent and Hall of the freshman class are on the squad. Due to the illness of the manager Brother Whiteside is acting manager. Brother Van Aernam is on the track team.

At the senior election Brother Shutler was elected to the highest honor of the senior class, grand marshall of commencement week. Brother Van Deuseen is chairman of the invitation committee. On alumni day we held a smoker for the alumni and at the time movements for a new

house were discussed. The prospect is bright for a speedy erection of a home for $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ at Union.

On May 14 Union will hold sub-freshman day and New York Beta would be grateful to any alumni if they would send us the names of any prospective Union students that they think would make desirable fraternity men so that we may have a chance to meet them and entertain them at that date.

Brother Whiteside has been elected delegate to the national convention and Brothers Dunn and Hunter first and second alternates.

Since our last letter several of our alumni have paid us visits and we take this opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to any brother who may be in our city.

J. H. VAN AERNAM.

Schenectady, April 5, 1910.

NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Several of the fraternities at Columbia have formed a baseball league and $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ will soon meet $\Delta\Phi$, $\Delta\Psi$ and $\Delta\Gamma$ on the diamond. New York Delta has three good pitchers and candidates for all the other positions. The varsity baseball team has shown up exceedingly well so far and Columbia expects to give Penn one of its hardest games of the season next Wednesday. The first varsity crew, in which Brother Clapp is rowing, is showing excellent form and power. The freshman eight is being stroked by Phikeia Philipson. It is rowing in a barge at present but Coach Rice expects to seat the 1913 oarsmen in shells very soon. The manager is trying to arrange a date for the annual freshman race with Yale.

The usual tea was given a few weeks ago, and over three hundred guests visited New York Delta's home which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. An orchestra behind a thick bank of palms played during the afternoon. Many Brother Phis from other chapters were present. Among them were Brothers Harvey H. Hiestand, Ohio Alpha; Lord and King of Massachusetts Beta; Baum of New York Epsilon and Paul Taylor of Illinois Alpha and New Hampshire Alpha.

Brothers Byrne, Jeanneret and T. Murray, all of whom were connected with this year's varsity show, have just been elected members of the players' club. Brother Weber has been put up by the nominating committee and seems to be the strongest candidate for the presidency of the organization. Brothers Houghton, Tooker, Jenkins, Kilborn and Armstrong were in the show chorus. Brothers Darlington and Smith were property managers. Brother Ramsdell was elected class prophet by the senior class and was honored by being appointed to the class day committee. Brother Darlington is on the senior constitution committee. Brother Houghton has been elected as associate editor of *Spectator* and is on the freshman lacrosse squad.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother Roland Alexander Hillas of West Hoboken.

New York, April 10, 1910.

FRANCIS TUTTLE ARMSTRONG.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

With the opening of the spring term college activities have increased to such an extent that there is something doing all the while. A matter of interest to the fraternities recently came up when a committee from the faculty conferred with the fraternities in regard to the ad-

visability of introducing sophomore pledging at Syracuse. The fraternities were unanimously opposed to such action and, although nothing has been done as yet, it is more than probable that the plan will not be adopted.

The musical clubs held a very successful joint concert last week with the combined clubs of Amherst.

On March 11 the chapter held its annual banquet which was attended by a large number of alumni. A circus will be given in the near future in the gymnasium under the auspices of the varsity band for the benefit of their organization and for fitting up the new trophy room of the gymnasium. Brother Walsh has charge of the minstrel show in connection with it. On April 16 the annual intercollege track meet will be held and the senior society, T Θ T has presented a trophy cup to be competed for, the college winning it three times retaining it. The senior society of Φ K A has financed a race between the Argonauts of Canada and the varsity crews to be held on Onondaga Lake on Decoration day.

The athletes are busily absorbed in developing the track, crew and baseball teams. Brother Scully who is captain of the baseball team has had his squad practicing for over a month and prospects for a fast nine are very bright. Brothers Dexter and Lyons are also members of the squal. The first game of the season will be played next week against Rochester. The crews are fast rounding into shape and are rowing daily on the lake. Brothers Parsons and Ingalls are candidates for the freshmen boat.

Through the announcement that the intercollegiate championship will be held in the stadium next year, track athletics have taken a decided boom. The relay team is the fastest that has represented the Orange in many years. Two dual track meets have been scheduled this spring, one with Michigan and the other with Colgate.

Syracuse, April 10, 1910.

WALTER A. DARBY.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The students here enjoyed a two days holiday on March 31 and April 1. The annual junior festivities were held during the same week which proved to be one of the most pleasant weeks on the calendar for this scholastic year. There were many attractions—a baseball game a track meet, a tennis tournament the senior extravaganza, the dances and above all an almost plentiful supply of the fair sex, a commodity we lack very much here except on occasions like junior week. The dances were the main features of the week. One was given by the fraternities and the other by the junior class.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week Beta Province held here its first convention and it is needless to add that it was a very pleasant and profitable event. Besides the delegates from the chapters in the province we had with us Brother E. W. Kelly, province president.

Our baseball team, as predicted in a previous letter, has been quite successful so far, as out of ten games played we have won seven. Much interest is being taken here this year in class baseball and there is quite a fight on for the class championship. Brother Hobgood is on the sophomore team and Brother Rhodes on the junior team. The track team is exceptionally good this year. Only one meet has been held but Carolina was victor in that.

Brother S. S. Dixon, who was operated on a few weeks ago for appendicitis, has been forced to withdraw from college on account of his health. He will probably return next year.

Among the $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ visitors here this spring have been Brothers Kelly, De Mott, Long, Steckel and Smith with the Lafayette baseball team; Brothers McLure and Vernon with the Amherst baseball team; Brother H. V. Bounds, Randolph-Macon and Brother W. M. Baldwin, Washington and Lee.

FLOYD G. WHITNEY.

Chapel Hill, April 7, 1910.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

The chapter opened after the spring vacation with everybody back except Brother Daley, who was compelled to withdraw on account of ill health. Brother Daley was to have graduated this commencement and the chapter deeply regrets his absence. He is now located at Roswell, N. M., where he will be for a few months.

The junior prom is again a thing of the past. Ohio Alpha entertained, as usual, with a house party, with fifteen out-of-town girls as guests. The night before the prom we attended the mid-winter play, in which Brother Hitchcock took a leading part. The two nights following the prom the chapter entertained with an informal dance and a chafing dish party around the open fire.

We expect to have a good track team this year, and Brother Stiles, who is track manager, has arranged a hard schedule of intercollegiate meets besides an interscholastic with various high schools as competitors. This spring marks an innovation in the local sports in the form of a golf club. Under the management of Brother Smith a difficult nine-hole course has been laid out and the club appears to have come to stay.

The chapter is the grateful recipient of a gift of several old volumes of THE SCROLL and other valuable fraternity material from Brother E. P. Shields, Ohio Alpha, '54. Brother Shields is one of our oldest living alumni and has always retained an active interest in Phi Delta Theta.

Oxford, April 10, 1910.

E. W. KEEVER.

OHIO BETA. OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Very substantial progress has been made the past term in raising our desired \$500,000 addition to the university endowment. We are also glad to report a considerable reduction in the athletic debt which has been hanging over us.

The principal undergraduate day of the year was February 22. On that day we held our annual Washington's birthday luncheon attended by over 1200 people. Governor Harmon was the chief speaker. Ohio Beta was represented on the program by the junior speaker and in the evening at the athletic carnival by Brothers R. E. Cope (basketball), Wright (gymnasium leader) and Lynch (track squad).

Our track team has opened the season very auspiciously. Brothers Pennywitt, Gilruth and H. H. Palmer are on the team. In our debates, which were the chief attractions during the closing weeks of the winter term, we defeated Oberlin and Denison and lost to Western Reserve and Syracuse. As there was a Phi on each team, Ohio Beta, as well as the university, had her honors divided about equally.

The annual joint concert of the glee and mandolin clubs was held March 8. The chapter was represented on the glee club by Brothers

Weist, Shipps and Dewey and on the mandolin club by Brothers Forbes and R. F. Cope.

On March 5 the chapter initiated J. R. Driver, Bremen; Edward Palmer, Mansfield; and Lewis Curl, Anna.

We were pleased to receive a visit from Brother E. D. Soper, Pennsylvania Epsilon, '98, who will assume the Swan chair of missions here next fall.

RALPH W. SOCKMAN.

Delaware, April 9, 1910.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The spring term opened March 28 with a large increase in the enrollment of students. Ohio Gamma returned twenty-three men. Brother Kaler retired at the end of the winter term to join the Columbus club of the American association with which team he is to try out as pitcher. Brother Flesher was with us at the beginning of the term but was forced to retire on account of poor health.

The Athens Alumni Club and the local chapter observed alumni day by having a formal dinner in the dining rooms of the Hotel Berry. Brother C. G. O'Bleness, toastmaster, gave an interesting talk on $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in general. Among those responding to toasts were Brothers Alston Ellis on "The College Fraternity"; J. M. Higgins, "Youth"; J. P. Wood, "Just Talk." Brother F. B. Kurtz, of the active chapter responded to a toast on "Our Chapter" and Brother E. N. McWilliams gave an entertaining talk on "The Ohio Phi."

Ohio Gamma is maintaining a very creditable position in all kinds of college activities and this year has been one of the most successful in the history of the chapter. Brother Kurtz was elected editor-in-chief of *The Athena*, the college annual.

On March 18 the local alumni entertained the chapter and friends with one of the most elegantly appointed dances that has been given at the university this year. The decoration scheme was unusually artistic and was carried out in the most perfect taste, the blue and white being the predominating colors.

The basketball season closed with Ohio winning most of the games played. We were represented on the team by Brothers Wood (captain), Lewis and Beckley and Philkeia Portz. Brother Beckley was elected captain for next season. Spring football practice has been inaugurated here and many candidates are out receiving instruction in the rudiments of the game under the direction of Brother Lewis, captain of the team for 1910. The baseball season will soon open and the outlook is very bright as many "O" men of last year's team are out in uniform and much new material is being developed. Brothers Wood, Beckley, White and McWilliams are trying for positions on the team and the prospects are that $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ will be well represented. In closing we ask all Phis, if they hear of a good man who is coming to Ohio next fall, to let us know of him.

E. F. THOMPSON.

Athens, April 6, 1910.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The last term began April 16 after a week's vacation. With the beginning of this term Ohio Zeta loses Brother Gascoigne who has completed school work sufficient to graduate. He has accepted an engineering position at Xenia, Ohio. At the same time we welcome back

Brother Arthur Martin who re-enters the chapter after having been out the first and second terms of this year.

Ohio State had a remarkably successful basketball team this season, winning undisputed title to the state championship.

On February twenty-third the chapter entertained with an informal dance at Rader's Oak Street Academy. Dr. and Mrs. Schaeffer chaperoned the party. The men's glee and mandolin clubs gave their annual concert Friday, February 25. It was the best given in recent years. Brother Runkle had one of the leading parts. March 11 the chapter was host at a chafing dish party at the fraternity house. March 18 the Pan-Hellenic minstrel show took place; the entertainment was a success from all standpoints. Brother Runkle was interlocutor; Brothers Jones and Betts were also participants.

B Θ II won the fraternity bowling league championship though up to the last set of games with them Ohio Zeta was in the lead. The chapter is again in the Pan-Hellenic baseball league this spring; last year Ohio Zeta won the championship banner.

Gerald E. Tenney of Sidney, was initiated February 23. Brother Schlesinger is to be congratulated on his speedy recovery from a successful operation for appendicitis which he underwent March 10. Brother Harr has been initiated into Φ Δ Φ.

The alumni banquet on March 15 was the best and most enthusiastic ever held here. Over fifty were present that night at the Chittenden Hotel. A number of notable Phis were there—the presence of Brother N. K. Crowe Indiana Alpha, '51, lent especial interest to the occasion. Brother Crowe was initiated in 1849 and was the first to be taken into Φ Δ Θ outside of the Miami chapter.

HARRISON E. BARRINGER.

Columbus, April 10, 1910.

OHIO ETA, CASE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

The hockey season is over and all Case men are well satisfied with the showing which the team has made. Eight games were played with four victories, three defeats and one tie. This may not appear very good but when one considers that this is the first season for hockey at Case it is far from poor.

The baseball team is now rounding into shape and the prospects are rather bright. A number of candidates are out for the track team which is to compete in the Big Six meet this spring. The Pan-Hellenic baseball league has issued its schedule for 1910 and the different fraternities are now getting into shape. Ohio Eta should have a good team.

On March 15 the Cleveland Alumni Club and Ohio Eta celebrated alumni day with a banquet at the chapter house. Quite a number of alumni were out and a good time was had by all.

The inspection trips of the different departments are over. Brothers Bogardus and Greaves took the trip with the mechanicals. The trip included Erie, Buffalo, New York, Niagara Falls, Washington and Pittsburgh.

J. R. BALLIETT.

Cleveland, April 10, 1910.

OHIO THETA, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

The prospects of a better feeling between the fraternities at Cincinnati are bright. The inter-fraternity bowling league has done much

to strengthen this feeling and the managers of this league now propose a Pan-Hellenic dance which will be, from present indications, a great success and will tend to further advance the feeling of fellowship.

Ohio Theta is taking great interest, and its members are participating, in all university affairs. The basketball season just closed was a very successful one under the able coaching of Brother Al. Schroetter. Brothers Easton (captain) and Bennett made their "C's" and Brother Allan is wearing his "C." More than usual interest has been taken in track. The team made a very creditable showing in three open mid-winter carnivals and three dual meets are scheduled for the spring. Brothers Bennett and Crosley have places on this team. Several of our brothers are working hard for places on the baseball team which is scheduled to play sixteen games.

The chapter is glad to report the attendance of twelve of its members at the Cincinnati Alumni Club banquet; many things of interest to the active chapter were thoroughly discussed at this time. Ohio Theta takes pleasure in presenting Brothers Fred Bennett, '12, and Richard Williams, '15. We also have one Phikeia.

Cincinnati, April 9, 1910.

LEWIS M. CROSLEY.

ONTARIO ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

All activities around the university with the exception of study have practically suspended for the present college year. Examinations commence in all faculties in a week or two and lacrosse is the only sport indulged in and that only by the candidates for positions. The members of the chapter who expect to graduate this spring are Brothers Graham, Browne, Swan, Webb, Kennedy, McClay, Hume and Ball.

The hockey season ended very unsatisfactorily. Toronto, owing to a misunderstanding with the other teams, dropped out of the league, the championship of which was won by Queens. The basketball championship was won by McGill.

The delegate and alternate to the national convention at Niagara Falls are Brothers Wilson, Conn, Davis, Davidson and Kennedy.

The chapter house at 143 Bloor West will be open all summer and all visiting Phis will be made welcome.

W. A. WILSON.

Toronto, April 7, 1910.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

The baseball team has just completed its southern trip of two weeks and has brought back a good share of victories. During the fourteen days eleven games were played of which six were won. These games were played with Trinity College, A and M, Guilford, University of North Carolina, University of Virginia and Georgetown. Several of the men were laid up on the trip on account of the strenuous work so early in the season and at present are enjoying a much needed rest. Brother Kelley, '10, (captain) and Coach Edwards of last year's team have had a chance to get a good line on the new material and by the showing made on the trip are confident of a strong team with which to face the Northern colleges. The track team has begun its outdoor work under the direction of Captain Herrick and Instructor Burroughs of Yale. The material is good and things look promising for a fast representative team for the Maroon and White this spring.

The combined musical clubs under the management of Brother Royer,

'10, have just returned from one of the most successful trips, both financially and socially, of their history. They took an extended trip through New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, giving concerts in Woodstown, Bridgetown, Hammonton, Vineland and Paterson, N. J.; New York City; Philadelphia, Wilkesbarre and Berwick, Pa. The Sock and Buskin play written by Brother Snyder, '09, which proved such a success during junior week will be repeated in Paterson, N. J., April 15. The Phis are represented in the cast by Brother Ferguson, '12.

The grounds committee are hard at work trying to get the campus in shape for the coming commencement. The installation of the new heating system and the remodeling of Old South College caused considerable digging and filling to be done.

The chapter has received very pleasant visits from Brothers Spalding, Stanford, '08; Bell and De Witt, '09, McAvoy, '08, and Alexander, '06. Brother McAvoy is still teaching osteopathy and coaching at Delaware College, Dover, Del. The chapter is planning to send a number of men besides the delegate to the national convention at Niagara Falls this August. Intense interest is being shown by the men over having a convention so near and we trust that every chapter will seize the opportunity and send as many men as possible to the convention.

Easton, April 10, 1910.

L. LONG.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

A number of the brothers are out for "jobs" on the athletic teams and seem to have excellent chances. The baseball schedule of Brother Lewis and the tennis schedule of Brother Hoshour have been published. Gettysburg will play eighteen baseball games and six tennis tournaments this spring. In tennis our fraternity team will defend the championship cup which we won last year. Soccer also is claiming a share of attention here. Several weeks ago the team played its first game at York. Brothers Taxis and Hoshour played.

The commencement speakers are chosen from the first ten men in the graduating class. Among these ten there are six fraternity men this year, four of whom are Phis. Brother Lighty is valedictorian and Brothers Musselman, Tyson and Hoshour are also speakers. We believe that this record has never been excelled by any fraternity here and Pennsylvania Beta takes a great deal of pride in it.

Last evening the junior prom was held at the Eagle Hotel and proved to be a most enjoyable affair. Brother Small represented the chapter on the committee and there were six Phis at the dance. Next Monday evening we are giving the first of our spring dances at the house and according to indications it will be very successful. An informal "stunt" was held last week at the house after the concert given by the girls from Irving College. During the Easter recess a dance was held at the house by the fraternity men who did not go to their homes for the vacation.

At the recent election to the *Gettysburgian* Brother Small was elected editor-in-chief and Brother Diehl assistant business manager. Brother Young retired as business manager and Brother Hoshour as editor. Brother Krebs was elected assistant business manager of the *Mercury*, the college monthly.

The movement for student self-government has been initiated here and gives excellent promise of success. The two upper classes have chos-

en their representatives for the proposed student council. Brother Small is on the junior list and Brother Hoshour on the senior.

The musical clubs under the management of Brother Lighty took a ten days' trip in March and had an excellent time. There were seven This on the trip. A play is to be given by a student cast in the near future, "Brown of Harvard." Brother Humphries is in the cast. On next Tuesday the Ben Greet players will give a matinee and an evening performance here under the auspices of the press club of which organization Brother Tyson is president. Brother Hoshour is on the senior debating team. In the recent series of inter-class basketball games Brother Diehl played for the champion sophomores, Brother Small for the juniors and Brother Coleman for the freshmen.

We take pleasure in introducing Brother Charles E. Liebegott whom we recently initiated.

At present we are engaged in renovating the house. We intend painting it and giving it the other needed improvements within a few weeks.

HARRY L. HOSOUR.

Gettysburg, April 9, 1910.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

The third term opened April 4. All the brothers have returned after an enjoyable Easter vacation of ten days. The junior prom, which marked the close of the second term, was a very brilliant social affair attended by many of the alumni and out-of-town guests.

Our baseball team is rapidly rounding into good form through the energetic and untiring efforts of the manager, Brother O'Neil, '10, and the coach. There are many candidates reporting daily for practice. Brother Eaton, '13, is showing up well as a candidate for second base. The Buskin club has made its initial appearance for this year and the students are taking an unusual interest in it. Brother McCrady, '10, is to play the leading character in the cast. Brothers Brown and O'Neil of the senior class will represent $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ in the class day exercises having been chosen poet and knocker respectively.

Washington, April 7, 1910.

H. A. TAYLOR.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

On March 19 the basketball season ended by the Allegheny team defeating the Denison five. The season was very successful, eight games having been won while but three were lost. Brothers S. L. Maxwell, '10, Weidler, '11 and Hawk, '13, won the letter "A" for their work on the team.

Under the direction of Duzer-Du, the dramatic club, "She Stoops to Conquer" was presented in a local theater on March 17 before a packed house. The performance was a success in every way. Brother Harris, '11; W. Maxwell, '12; Trosh, '13, and Hughes, '12, took prominent parts. It is probable that the performance may be repeated.

The last glee club trip of the season was taken on March 23 to 26. Concerts were given at Titusville, Warren, Kane and Mt. Jewett. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ was represented by Brothers Harris, who is reader of the club; W. Maxwell; C. F. Brigham; Trosh and Wells. Brother Weidler, who is leader of the mandolin club, was unable to be on the trip.

Brother Weidler, as captain of the baseball team, is co-operating with the coach in selecting the nine from the host of candidates for posi-

tions. Brothers Harris, W. Maxwell, Hawk and J. Brigham are candidates for the team, the former having been a varsity man last year. A good schedule has been arranged by the manager and several trips are to be taken by the team.

After spending much time and money in enlarging and making over the tennis court on our premises we are now proud to possess a court which is easily the best in college. The tournament for the purpose of picking the varsity team will be held soon. Of the four men last year $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ was represented by Brothers Weidler, Dalzell and R. Stidger. With all of these men again competing we expect to have an excellent representation in tennis this spring.

Brothers Hofelt, '12; R. Stidger, '11; J. Brigham, '12, and Walls, '13, are likely candidates for the track team, of which Brother Hines is captain.

The chapter has recently been visited by Brothers Turner and Bates of New York Epsilon and Brothers W. L. Stidger and Dennis '10.

Meadville, April 11, 1910.

THOMAS HUGHES.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

The spring term has just opened and the boys are down to work after a ten days' vacation. During that time electric lights were installed in the house in addition to the gas lights which were in the house. We are trying from day to day to add to the comfort and appearance of the house which is the finest at Dickinson.

Brother Hoch, '11, has left us for this term to toss the curved sphere for Montreal. "Jerry" made a great showing with Harrisburg tri-state team last season. We wish him all success this summer. "Bill" Haines, '13, has gone to his southern home in Savanah, Ga., where he is preparing for entrance examinations to West Point.

The combined musical clubs have just completed one of the most successful tours ever made by that organization. Concerts were given in Philadelphia, New York, Washington and intermediate points. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ was represented on the clubs by Brothers Housman, Law, Stotler, '10; Deardorff, '11; Henderson, '12; Hertzler, '12, and Reindollar, '13.

The prospects for a winning baseball nine were very poor when the call was given for candidates, as there was not a man in sight to fill the pitcher's box. Brother Housman, one of last year's twirlers, is out of the game on account of an operation performed last summer. However, the outlook is somewhat brighter, since the team made a favorable showing in the first game of the season against Princeton, where we were defeated by a score of 10-5 and won in a seven inning game from Lebanon Valley, by a score of 2-1. Brother Henderson, who starred at Adrian, South Michigan league last summer, is doing himself credit at the initial sack.

Coach Craver believes that he will turn out a stronger track team this year than Dickinson has had for several years. He is directing his efforts mainly to build up a foundation for the teams of succeeding years. Brothers R. S. Paterson, '12, and R. B. Paterson, '13, represent $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ on the cinder path.

Since our last letter the mid-winter sports and gymnasium exhibits were held in the gymnasium. Brothers Cleaver, '11, R. S. Paterson, '12, and R. B. Paterson, '13, were members of the gymnasium team.

Carlisle, April 8, 1910.

RICHARD S. PATERSON.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

During the Easter vacation, which continued for ten days ending April 4, the varsity baseball team, with Brother Smith performing brilliantly in right field, enjoyed a most successful Southern trip, winning all of its games, and the Mask and Wig club presented at Atlantic City and Philadelphia their comic opera production "The Desert of Mahomet," in which Brothers Pearsall, Blish and Snyder had prominent roles. Their future trips include Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Wilmingtton and Washington.

Crew work is progressing favorably and the Phis are well represented with Brother Benitt, varsity captain, on the varsity squad and Brothers Altman, Hamilton, Paddock, Stubbs, Huber, Craemer and Wallace on the freshman squad. Brother Treat has been playing regularly on the varsity soccer team which defeated Haverford but lost to Yale and Columbia; Brother Gordon of Dickinson, who has not as yet affiliated, is catching on the freshman baseball team and Brother Rhoads besides captaining the freshman debating team which was victorious over the sophomores won the first individual prize. On the sophomore May day sports committee we have Brother Pryor as chairman and Brother Smith.

Alumni day was observed on March 15 with a theater party at "The Matinee Idol" followed by a banquet at which about one hundred Phis were gathered.

The third prep school smoker of the year will be held on the evening of April 14 at which we expect some promising material for next year, the most promising of which will later be taken for a good time on rushing trips to Essington, a suburb of Philadelphia, in which a number of the alumni will join.

A. DAYTON OLIPHANT.

Philadelphia, April 6, 1910.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

At this time of the year, just after the spring vacation, all interest in the university is centered on the spring athletics. The baseball team has been weakened by the loss of Brother Rose, shortstop, who fractured his ankle in the Princeton game. Brother Borden plays left field while Brother Heard is on the squad. There is an abundance of new track material and we hope to have a successful season. We are represented in track by Brother Baird. A renewed interest is shown at Lehigh in lacrosse and everything seems to point to teams of the standard of ten years ago when Lehigh repeatedly won the inter-collegiate championship. Brothers Lanier, Horner and Franklin are trying for the team.

Brothers Thompson and Bryant are in the cast of the Mustard and Cheese, the dramatic association. The play will be given during junior week when the majority of the fraternities will hold their house parties. At this time Pennsylvania Eta expects to have her annual house-party and we are all looking forward to a most enjoyable time.

South Bethlehem, April 10, 1910.

A. P. RUTHERFORD.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA, PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

The members of the chapter have won more college honors and have kept up their scholastic standing better this year than ever before and, since we lose only two men by graduation, the outlook for next year is very bright.

The annual freshman banquet was held in Williamsport in February. Brother Wilson was chairman of the committee and Brother Batterson toastmaster at the banquet. This is the second year in succession that Pennsylvania Theta has had these two honors which are two of the highest in the class.

One of the most important events of the year was the fifth annual alumni day celebration and banquet of Pennsylvania Theta, on March 12. There were thirty-six Phis present and all were of the opinion that this was the most successful and enthusiastic alumni gathering we have ever had. Upon the clearing of the table Brother McConkey, '08, presided most happily as toastmaster. We were fortunate in again having with us our province president, Brother I. L. Foster, who gave us an enjoyable and instructive talk. The topic for the day, "Proper Methods of Rushing," was very ably discussed by Brother E. A. Cottrell, Rhode Island Alpha, '05, with many valuable suggestions as to how rushing methods could be improved at Penn State. Other toasts were responded to by Brothers P. O. Ray, Vermont Alpha, '07; E. L. Waterman, Vermont Alpha, '07, and Brothers Cosgrove, '05, Coleman, '08, and Hopper and Clark, '11. Brother Cosgrove is still keeping up his record and has not missed an alumni day since Pennsylvania Theta was founded.

The seniors and juniors of the chemistry department returned from their annual trip just before Easter, after visiting many of the largest manufacturing establishments in western New York state and the Pittsburgh district. Brothers Lorenz and Cuthebert were on this trip.

The Thespians, with their production, "The Gay Soubrette," returned April 2, after the best trip they have ever taken. They were greeted everywhere with large houses and with the many new and clever features added they well deserve the praise received. Brothers Guthrie and Steidle both had leading parts in the cast, while we were represented in the chorus by Brother St. Clair, who was also property manager.

With most of last year's baseball team in college, the outlook for this season is very bright. Brother Eberlein is again playing third base. The track team is also showing up well under the leadership of Brother Howarth, '11, and a most successful season is looked for.

It is a long time since we have enjoyed two visits as much as we did those of Brothers King, '10, and W. P. Miller, '11. Brother King was taken ill with typhoid fever last semester, and Brother Miller contracted malaria while in the interior of Brazil, from where he has just returned. Brother Cooner, '09, is now located with the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsburgh but at present he is just recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. Brother P. B. Cosgrove, '09, is with the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Co., at Gallitzin, Pa.

State College, April 13, 1910.

VICTOR EGBERT.

QUEBEC ALPHA, MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

Early in March the chapter issued its second publication of the year. In that paper our chapter house committee outlined a plan by means of which, with the aid of our alumni, we expect to own our house by May, 1911.

On alumni night the chapter held its usual celebration. Most of the members of the Montreal Alumni Club paid us a visit and a jolly good time was had by all.

We were extremely sorry to lose Brother Crombie who had to withdraw lately on account of illness. We trust that his health will soon be restored and that he will be with us again next year. Brother Blair was recently elected secretary of the McGill hockey club for the coming year. We lose the following by graduation: Brothers V. E. Black, E. S. Blanchard, W. A. Landry, A. C. Reid and W. S. Robertson. The very best wishes of the chapter go with these brothers.

Owing to several of our men having taken positions in the city, we expect to have our house open all summer. Any brothers passing through Montreal will confer a favor by paying us a visit.

Montreal, April 10, 1910.

ARTHUR W. REID.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA, BROWN UNIVERSITY.

All our members have returned in good standing for the third term after the short spring vacation. Baseball practice was begun outdoors during the vacation and on account of the favorable weather the team has been able to get into midseason form for the first games. Two games have been played; one with Bowdoin was won by Brown 5 to 3 and the second game with Rhode Island College 13 to 5. Brother Regnier is playing second base and Brother Mansur is showing up well as substitute in the infield positions. The first game of the interfraternity baseball league was played at 6 a. m., April 6. Hereafter there will be no sleeping after 6 o'clock in the campus dormitories on account of the noise made by the rival teams. Brothers Jarvis has been elected captain of our team and is making efforts to point out first and second bases to the numerous crude candidates. There is quite a little interest taken in this league and many of the games are laughable on account of the awkwardness of the players.

More interest than usual is being taken in track as we have three or four freshmen of great promise. Brother Jarvis is out for the middle distances. Brother Adams, '12, is entered in the contest for association baseball manager.

Since the last issue of *THE SCROLL*. Rhode Island Alpha has initiated Herbert P. Jarvis, Oliver Moyer Kratz, Clarence W. Piper and Miguel A. Muñoz.

SEWARD JARVIS.

Providence, April 7, 1910.

SOUTH DAKOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

On the evening of March 15 was held our annual banquet in celebration of alumni day. Besides Brothers P. R. Burckland, '00, W. C. Huyck, '10, C. B. Bryant, J. L. Pflaum, '09, there were eighteen active members present. The speeches by the alumni were particularly interesting and instructive as were also those of the active members. After the banquet the brothers adjourned to the chapter hall. The chapter was especially delighted with the large number of letters received from alumni who were unfortunately unable to be present.

South Dakota Alpha takes great pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity the following brothers: J. M. Pettigrew, S. S. Roberts, E. A. Jones, H. D. McKinnon, R. O. Webster, H. O. Kruschke, and H. L. Bode, initiated February 16, and J. L. Russell, initiated March 15. We now have a membership of eighteen and five pledges and as we lose only a few men this year we are reasonably sure of a strong chapter at the opening of the next school year.

The dual debate held April 9 with Iowa State College, in which each institution sent a team to the other school and kept one at home, making two debates in the evening, was watched with a great deal of interest. Unfortunately we were defeated in both places but comfort ourselves with the fact that all of our men, except one, were in their first debate and with experience, will be a great strength to us.

On March 25 we were pleased to entertain Brother R. W. Bailey, Wisconsin Alpha, '07, now of the Des Moines Alumni Club. R. C. Johnson, '06, returning from the meeting of the state bar association, visited us on April 2. We were all delighted to see him and agitation was noticeable among the pledges even before his train arrived.

Vermillion, April 9, 1910.

H. W. MITCHELL.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Track and baseball have occupied the center of attention for the last few weeks. The baseball team has come well up to expectations and has won three out of the four games we have played. Brother Morton Adams is manager of the team and thinks he will take out an aggregation that will bring in more scalps to hang around the walls. Brother Douglas Henry has been running in fine form and is pretty certain of a berth. Brother Richard Bowron is expected to break some jumping and vaulting records. Besides these there are several other aspirants for positions, including Brothers Buford and Smith. The inter class track meet was held a few days ago and the senior class was victorious. We were well represented on the teams.

Brother Beverly Douglas is one of the speakers on the freshman debate. Brother Robert Henry has taken a prominent part in the inter-collegiate debates.

On April 7 the glee club gave its annual concert in the city. It was an unqualified success. This is the last year that Brother Guy McCollum will have charge of the club and we feel that he has shown himself well suited for the work.

We wish all our brothers success on the final examinations and a very pleasant vacation and hope to be able to extend an invitation to all brothers to visit us next year in our new house, which is now being built.

Wm. M. ANDERSON, JR.
Nashville, April 17, 1910.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The festivities of Easter week are just over and most of the fair visiting damsels have returned home. In the dances and other gaieties the Phis did their part as the number of broken hearts among them can testify.

Baseball season is commencing and prospects for success are good. Brothers Faulkinberry and Stone are on the team, being catcher and first base respectively. At the election of the senior class of officers for life, Brother Stone was honored with the office of vice president while Brother Marshall was elected secretary. In our new comic opera, to be given by the dramatic club, Brothers Beckwith and Cracraft have leading parts while Brothers Williams and Baskette are "chorus ladies."

Preparatory to moving into our new chapter house we have purchased a new pool table, which will be installed in the present lodge rooms. The tennis court is also being worked into condition and play

will soon begin. This year we are planning a great re-union and home coming of the alumni of Tennessee Beta during commencement week (June 11 to 16) and will be pleased to hear from any brothers who can possibly visit us at that time.

EDWARD A. MARSHALL.

Sewanee, April 8, 1910.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

The university has now entered upon the last term of work, ending with commencement June 14. Texas Beta will lose six men by graduation and five or six more will drop out for the next year at least. However there is every prospect for our usual strength next year.

Work on a new library building to cost \$225,000 is to begin at once and will be finished before the close of the next session. Also Austin's magnificent dam is to be rebuilt and that will add very materially to the attractiveness and possibilities for pleasure of the university life here. By this dam, the second largest in the world, the water will be backed up the river for more than twenty miles. The University of Texas can then add boating and swimming to its other forms of athletics.

Texas Beta will celebrate alumni day April 6, being unable to hold the exercises at the usual time because it always comes just in the midst of our winter term examinations. We hope to have a number of our alumni with us and expect to gain much through association and acquaintance with them. The chapter is looking forward to the visit of Brother S. K. Ruick, P. G. C., who has promised to come to see us. We consider it a serious disadvantage that our fraternity officers find the distances too great to visit us oftener for we are anxious to keep in the closest touch with the national organization.

At our chapter house we have had a number of visitors lately and one of special interest to us was that of F. E. Hunter, *Indiana*, '79, of El Paso, Texas. Brother Hunter is one of the four subscribers of longest standing to THE SCROLL, and also helped to get out the first song-book of the Fraternity. Some twenty other Phis have visited us and, needless to say, these visits were greatly appreciated by the chapter. We know of nothing that can be more beneficial to us than to have more experienced members come to see us and help us with their advice.

ROBERT R. PENN.

Austin, April 5, 1910.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The examinations for the winter term have come to an end and Texas Gamma finds herself in as good, if not better, condition than she has been before. It has been formally announced that we are to have a new memorial building on the campus. This proposed structure is to be built of white stone and will cost something over \$250,000. In it will be the administration offices, Y. M. C. A. parlors, a gymnasium in the basement, a spacious chapel and auditorium and a memorial hall which will be dedicated to the illustrious sons of Southwestern. A building of this kind has long been needed on account of the marvelous expansion of the school. It will doubtless be the handsomest college or university building of its kind in the state. The next thing to cause excitement in the school was the rumored removal of Southwestern University from Georgetown, to Fort Worth, Texas. Fort Worth has long

wanted a good school and has recently made the board of trustees a proposition. However the executive committee has officially announced that the offer was not large enough to demand serious consideration at present.

In the way of oratory Brother Hawkins has been doing the "stunts" for $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. He made the preliminary contest for the senior oration and was also chosen as Southwestern's representative to the Texas state oratorical contest to be held at Trinity University.

Brother Cockrell reports a fine trip to New Orleans to the Theta Province convention which was held in that city in February. Although there was not a great deal of business to attend to the association of the various chapters was a benefit to all. Brother L. D. Hawkins, '10, was elected as delegate to represent Texas Gamma at the Niagara Falls convention next summer and Brother R. L. Brewer, '11, alternate.

Baseball is attracting athletic attention at present. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is ably represented on the varsity line-up by Brothers Vaughan, '3b.; Snipes, cf., and Sam Stone, pitcher. The latest addition to the chapter is Brother Sam V. Stone, a junior, whom we introduce to the Fraternity.

Georgetown, April 6, 1910.

CHAS. T. STONE.

Vermont Alpha, University of Vermont.

Since the publication of the last SCROLL there has passed a day which should be held sacred by all Phis. March 15 was observed by Vermont Alpha as alumni day and in the evening exercises appropriate for the occasion were held. Many of the local alumni and a few from the near-by towns were present and a very pleasant time was enjoyed. Brother Jackson, '01, was the principal speaker of the evening.

The early spring has been very advantageous for the Vermont baseball team. Nearly two weeks of outdoor practice was had before they started on the southern trip, March 31. The fact that they won the first game of the trip and tied the two succeeding games seems to predict a good season. Brother Hunt, '10, now a member of the medical department of the university, is one of the first string pitchers this year. The team is weakened by the loss of Brother Shaw, '12, who was such a favorite with the baseball fans last season. He left college recently to accept a position with The Rutland Marble & Granite Co.

Last year some interest was aroused at Vermont in interfraternity baseball. Several of the fraternities were represented by nines and many hot contests were held. We are expecting even more interest to be shown this year. We are all out for the team and no Phi has his position "salted" as yet. There is some talk of an inter-fraternity baseball league. If such a league is formed we may expect a series of games which will equal the varsity games in interest and enthusiasm.

Burlington, April 9, 1910.

PAUL W. WATERMAN.

Virginia Beta, University of Virginia.

Easter week with its many fair visiting girls, Germans, buggy rides, teas etc., has come and gone and once more we have settled down to the long heavy grind which will only end with finals. Never before has there been such a gay and delightful Easter at Virginia and the losing streak of our baseball team was the only thing that was not just right. However, the team seems to have at last found itself as it

has won from Lafayette, Toronto, and two games from North Carolina out of the last five games played. Brother Lile is holding down first base and Brothers Campbell and Howze are also on the squad, the latter having played at second in about half of the games played thus far.

Much credit is due Brother Harrison manager of the track team, for the two successful track meets held here during Easter week. The dual meet with Pennsylvania was rather easy for the U. of P. team, but Virginia easily won the Southern intercollegiates. In both of these meets the work of Brother Martin, captain of Virginia, was sorely missed but, owing to a spell of pneumonia, he has been forced to abandon the track for the balance of this season. Brother Lemen has scored points for his team in these meets in the weight events.

Since writing our last letter Virginia Beta has initiated Rembert Coddington Anderson, '13, of Los Angeles, Cal., and we take pleasure in presenting him to the Fraternity. Brother Don Goodwin of the same city has completed his B. L. course and has returned home. In his leaving the university lost a star athlete and a deservedly popular student and our chapter one of her most enthusiastic and loyal members. Brother Goodwin ran on Virginia's relay teams for the three years he was here and in only one of his many races did he fail to beat his opponent.

Brothers Campbell and Anderson are "spring goats" of A II (academic) and Brothers Mackay and Lemen of Θ N E.

Besides the many Phis on the visiting athletic teams, we have enjoyed visits from Brothers Pat and Sam Woods and Bill Dabney,—all of this chapter, and Brother E. L. Gravely of Virginia Gamma.

Brother Bodley Booker has been elected delegate to the coming national convention with Brother Minor Lile, alternate.

University of Virginia, April 12, 1910.

BODLEY BOOKER.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Virginia Gamma will graduate three men this year who expect to continue in active membership in chapters at different universities. Brother H. V. Bounds goes out with an A. M., and Brothers L. L. Gravely and B. T. Tatem with A. B. degrees. We are to return seven men next year, who are fully capable of keeping Virginia Gamma up to the standard. New material is already being looked after and we hope to secure a good membership for 1910-11 with the aid of our alumni.

Virginia Gamma Phis have figured largely in the honors and functions of the session, and have invariably acquitted themselves well. This is to be said with regard to athletics, debate, oratory and literary work and scholarship. Consequently we feel that the closing year has been signally successful. It is our honest belief that, like many of our alumni, we shall not be able to keep away from this place, but will wander back from time to time just to refresh ourselves with the scenes and recollections of the old days.

As a matter of history Randolph-Macon's baseball team is at the present writing making a great record; and it is pleasing to think that we have two men on the field. Brother L. L. Gravely, captain, is doing slab work and Brother C. C. Carroll is located in the right garden, while Brother J. C. Simpson is now managing the team and Brother R. W. Peatross, Jr., is the official score keeper. Brother H. V. Bounds

represented Virginia Gamma at the Beta Province convention at Chapel Hill, N. C., and also represented this chapter at the recent Richmond alumni banquet. We are assured that this club is now firmly and permanently back of us in our endeavor to make Virginia Gamma a star chapter. Brother Gravely is to represent us at the national convention, with Brothers Bounds and Peatross as alternates. We hope to send up a good delegation to the convention.

Closing the year Virginia Gamma will give a reception in the house instead of the regular banquet. We shall anticipate the presence of a good number of Phis here during commencement week. The closing exercises will take place June 5 to 9 inclusive. In all probability the three seniors will figure in the class play to be given on the last night. A gala time is promised.

B. T. TATEM.

Ashland, April 20, 1910.

VIRGINIA ZETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The second term examinations held March 21-30 were followed by the two annual Easter dances given by the cotillion club on April 4 and 5. The baseball season opened March 26 with a 6 to 5 victory over the fast Holy Cross nine and since then, Rutgers, William and Mary, and Roanoke have also been defeated, the team losing only to Swarthmore. A feature of the schedule arranged this year is a trip to the far South, when Alabama, Georgia, Trinity and A & M of N. C. will be played. Brother W. K. Lemley, '10, is representing $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ on the diamond.

Brother Glasgow, '12, was recently elected president and Brother Watson, treasurer of the university Y. M. C. A. Brothers Thach, '10, and Glasgow, '12, will represent Washington and Lee in the annual debate with Johns Hopkins University to be held here Saturday, April 23. Brothers Dearborn, '13, and Glasgow, '12, are candidates for positions on the Harry Lee crew, the regatta taking place during finals in June. Brother Allen, '13, director of the university band, has been put in charge of the concert of the combined musical clubs of the university to be given April 27. Brothers Thornton, '13, Richardson, '12, and Manor, '11 will take part.

Our delegate to the Beta Province convention, held at the University of North Carolina on March 28 and 29, reported a most enjoyable time at the hands of North Carolina Beta. Virginia Zeta's annual chapter letter has been published and sent out to the alumni; acknowledgements of its receipt will be greatly appreciated.

Lexington, April 14, 1910.

ROBERT G. THACH.

WASHINGTON ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

Since our last letter we have initiated Fred Hickingbottam, Ralph Major, Archie Major, Thomas Wand, Mark Hayfield, Alvin Jensen and Fred Beltz. Brothers Thayer and Cooley retired from college at the beginning of the semester, which leaves the chapter with twenty-one active men.

Prospects for a winning baseball team are very bright. Washington Alpha is represented by Brothers Coyle, right field, Hickingbottam, left field. Brother Coyle is also manager of the team. Brother Mullen, captain and first baseman of the nine, left college at the beginning of the season to go with the Chicago White Sox.

The rowing situation is somewhat unsettled. Races with Wisconsin and Stanford, however, are assured. The chapter has no men on the first crew. Brother Thomas Wand is stroke of the freshman crew, Brother Jensen is No. 5, and Phikeia Phipps is coxwain. On the second varsity Brother W. Wand rows No. 4. In track work the prospects are brighter than they have been for years. Brother Campbell, quarter-miler, is captain.

On alumni day, March 15, the active chapter and alumni held a banquet at Hotel Lincoln. The function proved a marked success. Rousing speeches and college yells were the order of the evening. Brother Nelson T. Hartson of Tacoma has been elected convention delegate with Brother William Coyle as alternate. WALTER WAND.

Seattle, April 13, 1910.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The reporter of Wisconsin Alpha was recently in receipt of a letter from John W. Slaughter of the class of 1858. Wisconsin Alpha was organized in June 1857. The chapter was highly pleased to receive a communication from Brother Slaughter, who was the first man initiated under the charter, with the exception of the three men who appear as charter members. Brother Franklin Sweet, an alumnus of the earlier days, though rather later than Brother Slaughter, spent a few days at the chapter house in April. His visit was a matter of general enjoyment. Brother Nielson of Nebraska Alpha is now in the English department of the university and adds to an already strong force of Phis on the faculty.

The faculty committee which now has charge of the fraternity investigation has set definitely to work. Considerable data, chiefly relating to the matter of scholarship, have been gathered. The committee has already expressed its conclusions from the data so far gathered, as being unfavorable. A questionnaire has also been prepared, which will be submitted to the various organizations through the interfraternity council, in order to secure more complete and direct information concerning scholarship, the matter of expense among fraternities, their tendency toward exclusiveness etc. Although it is not safe to draw conclusions at this point as to the character of this committee's report yet it seems probable that it will take the form of a submission of facts together with certain definite suggestions in the way of regulation. The atmosphere surrounding the investigation seems to suggest this rather than a recommendation for abolishment.

Two recent honors have been won for the Fraternity by the Bickelhaupt brothers. C. O. Bickelhaupt was initiated into T B II and W. V. Bickelhaupt was awarded a "W" in basketball. The baseball season started with a defeat by A T Ω. Considering the fact that all of the men were decidedly in early season form and that Captain Frey and Brother Verne Bicklehaupt were out of the game on account of injuries, the first game can hardly be taken as a test. The team is handicapped by the fact that Brother Gillette is prohibited by the track coach from indulging in baseball as a pastime. The chapter misses his pitching.

Lynn Morgan and Robert G. Warner were initiated on April 11. On April 30 the chapter gave its early spring party. Following a period of great activity on the part of the university Y. M. C. A., Sunday discussion groups have been organized in most of the fraternity houses.

Although a number of men have indicated willingness to take up with such a movement, at the time of writing no group has yet been organized at the chapter house.

BENJ. S. BECHER.

Madison, April 11, 1910.

ALUMNI CLUBS

BIRMINGHAM.

PHI DELTA THETA NATIONAL CONVENTION, BIRMINGHAM, 1914! That is the slogan of the Phi Delta Theta Alumni Club of Birmingham. On March 14 the club met for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and to elect a delegate and alternate to the national convention. The officers elected are as follows: Hunter M. Smith, *Alabama*, '02, president; W. J. Conniff, *Alabama*, '02, vice-president and reporter; W. H. Weller, Jr., *Vanderbilt*, '06, secretary and treasurer.

Brother Conniff was elected delegate to the national convention, and Carl A. Brown, *Alabama*, '01, was elected alternate. The delegate was instructed to do all in his power to bring the national convention to Birmingham in 1914, and not to come back home without it. A special Birmingham car is being planned to attend the convention, and it is likely that a large delegation will attend from this club. There are more than two hundred loyal Phis in the Birmingham district and they are now well organized. They are representative men in all their lines of work and in this district $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is famous for its social standing and functions.

Alumni day was celebrated on March 18 with a luncheon at the Empire Café, which about fifty attended. Birmingham Phis lunch every Friday at one o'clock at the Empire Café, corner of Twentieth Street and First Avenue. All visiting Phis will be cordially welcomed.

The club entertained the convention of Eta and Gamma provinces March 25 and 26. In convention assembled these two provinces unanimously endorsed Birmingham for the national convention in 1914 and instructed the delegates to exert every effort to that end.

While it may be trespassing upon the jurisdiction of the province, still the club has requested me to commend to the national organization the thorough and enthusiastic manner in which Brother M. B. Lanier is administering the office of president of Eta Province. He has infused ginger not only into the province organization but into every chapter in the province.

Watch the Birmingham delegation at Niagara for a little excitement.
March 31, 1910.

W. J. CONNIFF.

LOS ANGELES.

During the past few months an effort has been made by a few of the younger Phis to bring about a revival of the local alumni club. This effort resulted in the alumni day dinner on March 15. Return postal cards were sent out to over 100 Phis living in this vicinity. Replies were had from about half of this number and we had 24 members present at the dinner which was held at Levy's.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: president, Leslie R. Hewitt, *California*, '90; vice-president, Carroll A. Stilson, *California*, '10; secretary and reporter, Henry P. Goodwin, *Virginia*, '09; treasurer, R. H. F. Variel, Jr., *California*, '06.

The above officers were also to form the executive committee. A special effort will be made during the coming year to get in touch with every Phi in Southern California, and any information along this line will be greatly appreciated.

Visiting Phis will always find a welcome at our regular weekly luncheons at the Hotel Hayward Café, at the corner of Sixth and Spring Streets on Fridays at noon.

The following Phis were present at the alumni day dinner: W. H. Anderson, *Southwestern*, '86; W. Bowser, *Allegheny*, '79; Dr. G. C. Burbank, *Indiana*, '99; J. H. Byerley, *Case*, '95; Bert Campbell, *California*, '05; C. B. Clyne, *Case*, '00; T. M. Collester, *Minnesota*, '04; A. G. C. Collins, *Centre*, '82; W. K. Crawford, *California*, '02; O. C. Dunn, *Case*, '95; O. V. Eaton, *Stanford*, '95; Dr. R. D. Emery, *Vermont*, '99; Don P. Goodwin, *Virginia*, '09; Henry P. Goodwin, *Virginia*, '09; J. M. Herndon, *Texas*, '84; Leslie R. Hewitt, *California*, '90; Cloyd P. Lott, *Ohio State*, '07; A. P. McMeen, *LaFayette*, '07; Chas. F. Snider, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '93; Carroll A. Stilson, *California*, '10; Clarence L. Variel, *California*, '08; R. H. F. Variel, Jr., *California*, '06; Edward F. Wehrle, *Iowa*, '91; A. C. Weir, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '93.

All Phis are warmly welcomed in our city and our organization is again on a firm basis.

HENRY P. GOODWIN.

March 19, 1910.

SAN FRANCISCO.

The San Francisco Alumni Club held its annual banquet in the colonial ballroom of the St Francis Hotel on the evening of March 19, 1910. This was the largest gathering of Phis at an annual banquet ever held on this coast, there being present eighty-one Phis representing twenty-eight chapters in twenty states and the province of Quebec. Brother Thomas J. See, *Missouri*, '89, Astronomer United States Naval Observatory, came down from Mare Island to attend. He is a splendid Phi. There were present the three members of California Alpha of the class of '73, (the first class initiated) Brothers Frank Otis, Ebenezer Scott and Jacob B. Reinstein, the latter a regent of the university. The walls were decorated with the various college banners and the famous silk $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ flag of California Alpha, which has been seen at the national conventions during the past ten years.

The meeting was most enthusiastic and was enlivened with the various college yells, class yells and songs of the two California chapters, whose numbers predominated. These reunions cement the bond of good-fellowship between the Phis and do much toward promoting a good standard in the active chapters.

The alumni voted to send a delegate to the national convention. The delegate not being determined, the matter was left in the hands of a committee composed of the president, the secretary-reporter and the province president. Telegrams and letters were received and read from Phis who found it impossible to attend.

After the dinner the toasts were responded to, Brother Wm. Henry Anderson responding in place of Judge Henry A. Melvin, who was prevented from attending by illness.

Toastmaster, Marion S. Blanchard, *California*, '97; "Phis at Stanford," Nelson Taylor, *Stanford*, '10; "Phis at Berkeley," R. Roy Cowles, *California*, '10; "The Political Arena of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$," William H. Waste, *Calif-*

fornia, '91; "_____, " Scott Hendricks, *California-Stanford*, '04; "The National Convention," Harold H. Ashley, *California*, '10; "The Relation of Active Chapters and Alumni," Wm. Henry Anderson, *South-western*, '86.

Brother Harold W. Bingham, *California*, '06, was in charge of the musical part of the program and received hearty applause for his delightful solos.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Frank Otis, *California*, '73; secretary-reporter, Scott Hendricks, *California*, '04; The reporter's address is 604 Mills Building, San Francisco.

March 21, 1910.

GEORGE D. KIERULFF.

WASHINGTON

In order to stimulate interest in the Fraternity and to promote the success of the monthly smokers the club at its last meeting adopted the plan of having, at each gathering, at least one good talk by some member of the organization. The plan was tried for the first time at the smoker on April 19, the speakers being Brother Milton Updegraf, *Wisconsin*, of the United States nautical office, who gave an instructive account of comets and Halley's Comet in particular, and Brother G. A. Leith, *Wisconsin*, who gave an interesting account of his experiences in the Canadian woods and the Hudson Bay region.

Announcements of these talks were sent with the notices of the meeting and from the increased attendance, nearly double that of any previous meeting, and the interest aroused in the subjects discussed it is safe to say that the continuance of the plan will prove of great benefit to the membership as well as stimulating added zeal in fraternity matters.

The club will also at its next meeting begin using the ritual for the opening and closing ceremony and will endeavor to make these sessions correspond as nearly as possible to chapter meetings. It is hoped that with this precedent established successfully by this club other alumni clubs will follow the lead and that our "after college" organizations will have for their purposes other aims than merely those of social intercourse.

Brother Carl Sheppard was elected delegate to the Niagara convention and Brothers Austin and Barnard were chosen as alternates. One more smoker will be held this season, on May 19 at the University Club.

April 20, 1910.

MARCELLUS C. SHEILD.

MACON.

On the evening of April 15 the Macon alumni, together with the active members of Georgia Gamma, enjoyed a banquet at the Hotel Lanier. It was our purpose to have our banquet on March 15, but on account of the fact that the Mercer boys were in the midst of final examinations at that time, it was postponed until April 15. Brother Robert Hodges, *Mercer*, '85, judge of the city court of Macon, acted as toast master. Several good toasts were responded to.

On this occasion, the Phi Delta Club of Macon was organized with a roll of sixty members. The following officers were elected for the year: president, E. W. Stetson, *Mercer*, '01; vice-president, R. Holmes Mason, *Mercer*, '96; reporter, W. A. Dozier, *Emory*, '07.

It is the request of the club that all Phis coming to Macon, whether

for permanent or temporary residence, identify themselves with our club immediately upon their arrival in our city.

W. A. DOZIER.

April 16, 1910.

CHICAGO

Ninety-four Phis gathered at the University Club on the evening of March 15 for the big event of the year in Chicago alumni doings. There were represented at the table twenty-three different chapters, led by the University of Chicago, closely followed by Northwestern and Purdue.

The genial "Polly" Ruick dealt with the topic of the day in a manner that held the attention of all and that brought home many facts, true beyond doubt but not realized, regarding the relation of the alumni and active chapter. The policy of the new administration in recommending a more general mingling of the alumni in undergraduate affairs rather than activities along strict alumni lines, together with the centralization of alumni sociabilities in the weekly luncheons, seemed to be decided in accordance with the remarks of the worthy P. G. C.

The ever-ready editor of *THE SCROLL*, Frank J. R. Mitchell, called to the attention of the alumni the attractions of the next convention at Niagara Falls and recommended important measures for adoption there. A treat and surprise was then uncorked in the speech of Lieutenant Thad. B. Seigle, *Gettysburg*, '86. Undergraduates representing Illinois, Chicago, Northwestern and Purdue, Brothers Ward, Steffen, Stevens and Wilder, respectively, then paid their respects to the great body of alumni.

After the election of officers which resulted as follows: president, Wm. E. Higbee, *Illinois Wesleyan*, '83; vice-president, Stacy C. Mosser, *Chicago*, '97; secretary and treasurer, Geo. E. Liscomb, *Dartmouth*, '07, the more convivial adjourned to an adjoining room where song and story held sway until a late hour.

The dinner in many ways marked a new era for the association as well as for many of the brothers in their resolve to be among the regulars hereafter. The next mile-stone of the club will be the second annual picnic to be held under Dr. Warren Howe's sheltering shades at Glen Ellyn, on Saturday, August 6, from which all those truly "there" will adjourn at once to Niagara Falls.

In accordance with the suggestion of the general council, there will be a regular reunion just before the opening of the fall term of the neighboring universities.

The secretary-treasurer-elect was appointed delegate to the national convention, an alternate to be selected later.

March 22, 1910.

GEORGE E. LISCOMB.

MT. PLEASANT

Alumni day was celebrated with a dinner at the chapter house. The informality of the occasion made it the more delightful, the only real formality was the serving of a five course dinner by caterer Lanberger in his inimitable style—a feast fit for the most fastidious. It was a charming night with just enough chill to make the cheerful fire in the reception room enjoyable. At nine o'clock thirty-two Phis sat down to feast and sing. Familiar Phi songs that stirred tender memories in the minds of the alumni were sung with the old-time fervor. Then Brother Stuber,

'09, led his brothers in an original Anglo-German parody which might well have challenged the students of old Heidelberg.

The toast program was delightfully practical. Brother C. H. Myers, '02, served as toastmaster. After a few introductory remarks he introduced Brother Karl Krenmeyer who spoke upon "The Relations of Active Chapters and Alumni." His subject, suggested by THE SCROLL, was timely and thoroughly discussed.

Iowa Alpha—we presume it is equally true of other chapters—has travelled a somewhat tortuous road. Now, after almost ten years of hopeful planning, the chapter house proposition is a tangible reality. Before many issues of THE SCROLL, Iowa Alpha will surely own her home. Brother Paul Otto, '13, speaking upon "The Future of Iowa Alpha, predicted with glowing optimism "the dawn of happy days."

"Proper Methods of Rushing" was the toast assigned to Brother Stanley Shrader, '11. With Mark Twain drollery Brother Shrader told the story of his experience at the hands of the "frat rushers." He spoke of the tact, the honesty, the patient persistence needed for successfully "landing good men."

Brother Freeman Havighorst, '89, formerly professor of economics in Lawrence University, responded to the toast "Fraternity Ideals." Brother Havighorst's experience in college work enables him to offer some very valuable suggestions. The striking comparison of methods and ideals of the early 80's with those of the present was not without point. The dangers, the limitations, the scholastic requirements, the morals—these were discussed with remarkable insight showing that Brother Havighorst is a "progressive" among fraternity men.

Important speeches were made by several. Brother Jessie Beck, '99, editor of the Centerville *Iowagian*, emphasized the need for social environment. Brothers Robert Willits, '01, and Fred Beck, '03, spoke enthusiastically of the wholesome condition of the college and the Fraternity.

This altogether pleasant occasion closed with the song "Hail Phi Delta Theta." As the writer turned homeward he fell to meditating upon the danger of losing in the rush of life our cherished maxim—*Eἰς ἀνὴρ οὐδεὶς ἀνήρ*

The following officers were elected: Adam Weir, '93, president; C. Van Brussel, '08, secretary and treasurer; J. F. Meyers, '05, reporter and delegate.

A resolution was adopted, endorsing the petition of ΘΦ at Lawrence College for a charter of ΦΔΘ. JOHN F. MYERS.

April 1, 1910.

SIOUX CITY

On March 15 the Sioux City Alumni Club gathered for the annual dinner at the West Hotel in this city. Covers were laid for eight brothers and an enjoyable menu was properly discussed. A number of letters and telegrams were received from brothers out of town who found it impossible to attend. Brother Robert H. Munger gave an address upon the topic assigned for the day, "The Relation of the Active Chapters and the Alumni." This provoked a lively discussion. An informal report was made showing the flourishing condition of South Dakota Alpha, in which the alumni club feels a special interest.

It was resolved that an earnest effort be made to ascertain the names

of all Phis in the territory surrounding this city and to interest them in our meetings. Any brothers who may be in this city or vicinity are requested to make their presence known.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: president, J. W. Hallam; vice president, Robert H. Munger; secretary and treasurer, O. S. Dean; reporter, A. O. Wakefield.

April 2, 1910.

A. O. WAKEFIELD.

BOSTON

The annual meeting and banquet of the Boston Alumni Club was held at the City Club on March 15. There were about seventy Phis present when president Samuel S. Dennis called the meeting to order. It was plainly evident that this was to be a record breaker. A short business meeting was held to elect officers for the following year and to choose a delegate and alternate to the convention in August. In addition to those important affairs there were several stirring appeals to the members requesting larger attendance at the luncheons and a big delegation at Niagara in August. Considerable enthusiasm was aroused when it was announced that arrangements were being made to charter a special train or trains to take the New England Phis to the convention city. Circulars will be sent out by the club and it is hoped that many of the alumni will be able to arrange their vacations so as to be with us on the big special.

Since our last meeting the club has taken a big step forward. This is the change of time and place of our weekly luncheons. Through the kindness of Brother Doten we are able to spend a very friendly and profitable hour or two at the City Club each Saturday. Brother Dennis in his report recommended that the time of the luncheon be stated, "from one to two" instead of "at one" as formerly. Another pleasant feature of the business session was the report of our treasurer, Brother Carfrey, who announced that the club was in excellent financial condition. While certain of the politicians of the club were making out the party platform and the list of candidates, those not so favored elected the delegate to the national convention. Brother W. W. Howe, Ohio Epsilon, '91, was chosen for that position. The entering president was given the authority to chose the two alternates if there be any necessity for them.

With the entrance of the politicians the important business of election of officers was taken up. Our brothers of the other clubs can imagine our surprise when the chairman of the committee announced a "fusion ticket." We had figured upon having some close elections and campaign speeches but there was nothing doing. By unanimous vote the following officers were elected: president, Frank W. Rane, Ohio Zeta, '91; vice-president, Frank E. Rowe, New Hampshire Alpha, '91; secretary, Howard C. Davis, New Hampshire Alpha, '06; reporter, W. W. Behlow, California Beta, '07; historian, Robert Macomber, New Hampshire Alpha, '10; treasurer, J. H. Carfrey, New York Epsilon, '92; chorister, E. C. Clark, Maine Alpha, '94. The committee evidently thought that the club would need no chaplain and no one dared to suggest that one be elected. Having completed the less important business of the evening the entire assemblage advanced to the banquet hall where we were greeted by the members of the Harvard Alumni Club with whom the Boston Club has met for several years on similar occasions.

We had hardly been seated before a telegram was received from our Chicago Club wishing us the best that $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ could give us. Other telegrams were received from Brothers P. B. Paul and H. C. Davis, members of the club who were obliged to be absent. The spirit of the occasion increased as the banquet proceeded and soon the songs and cheers of the various colleges were heard, led by the respective delegates. The Harvard Club started things going by parading around the room, soon to be followed by all the brothers. The delegates of the New England colleges rounded up their respective alumni and vied with each other in cheering and singing, while under Brother Clark's leadership the entire assemblage joined in singing the $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ songs.

Having done our duty to the menu we greeted with much enthusiasm the official appearance of the toastmaster Brother Charles Kingsley Woodbridge, New Hampshire Alpha, '04, who, with many amusing stories and appropriate words, introduced the speakers of the evening. The toasts and the names of those who responded follow: "When good Phis get together," John DeMoss Ellis, Ohio Theta, '07; "Phi Delta Theta in Dixie Land," Burke Baker, Texas Beta, '08. The assigned topic for discussion was ably handled by Brother C. W. Jewett, Indiana Zeta, '07. His splendid portrayal of the relation of alumni to active chapters was slightly interrupted by the entrance of the Hon. Eben S. Draper, governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, who made a brief address setting forth the important part that the college graduate is to assume as time goes on. After the departure of our distinguished guest, Brother Jewett, with that ability characteristic of the legal profession, picked up the broken thread of his speech and carried it to a magnificent ending.

On behalf of the chapters, the following delegates responded to toasts: Robert B. Alling, Massachusetts Beta, '10; Albert E. C. Carpenter, Maine Alpha, '12; R. C. Nason, Rhode Island Alpha, '08; H. Cheever Comey, New Hampshire Alpha, '10; Lesley G. Shaefer, Massachusetts Alpha, '10; W. W. Hay, Vermont Alpha, '10.

Each of these active members spoke of the good that had been derived from the province convention but it remained for our good old friend, Brother Carroll W. Doten, Vermont Alpha, '95, vice-president of the province, to give us a complete and illuminated account of that wonderful gathering and made us all wish that we had been there.

With the formal speeches over the brothers formed small groups and talked about the old days and told the old tales of life in the chapter until nearly midnight.

All agreed that this year's observance of alumni day was better than any previous one and all parted with this expression—"I'll see you at Niagara."

W. W. BEHLOW.

April 8, 1910.

HARVARD.

On March 15, the Harvard Club united with the Boston Club in holding the alumni day banquet which was given at the City Club. Although the number in attendance was not as large as that of last year, in point of enthusiasm and fraternity spirit it far surpassed it. During the dinner fraternity and college songs were sung and the yells of the different colleges represented by the Phis present were given. Brother Charles Woodbridge, *Dartmouth*, '04, of the Boston Club ably acted as toastmaster. Brother John Ellis, *Cincinnati*, '07, our success-

ful Harvard-Yale debater responded to the toast "When Good Phis Get Together," followed by Brother Burke Baker, *Texas*, '08, who told us of "Phi Delta Theta in Dixie Land" and Brother C. W. Jewett, *De Pauw*, '07, who spoke of the "Relation of the Alumni to Active Chapters." Responses were also given by the delegates of the active chapters of the six New England colleges where $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is represented. Brother Carroll Doten, *Vermont*, '95, the vice president of Alpha Province and one of the most active of our alumni then gave an interesting report of the Alpha province convention at Montreal.

The usual monthly meeting of the club was held on April 12. After spending the first part of the evening in a social way the meeting was called to order by our president, Brother Sebree, *Missouri*, '07. It was decided that a delegate should be sent to the national convention at Niagara, the delegate to be selected at the next meeting and also that the officers for the ensuing year should be elected at the last meeting of the college year so that the club may be more active in its work when the university opens next fall. We hope that Phis entering any department of the university next year will make themselves known and join with us in renewing our interest in the Fraternity.

April 15, 1910.

GEORGE W. PRINCE JR.

WORCESTER

On Tuesday evening, March 15, occurred the third annual banquet of the Worcester County $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ men at Hotel Warren, Worcester.

After an excellent dinner, between courses of which the Phi songs were sung, toastmaster Frye introduced the following speakers: Brother Sibley, who spoke concerning the former dinners and how they happened to take place; Brother Aldrich who spoke on the Bond of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, telling how the four Brown men present including himself, had been brought into the Fraternity, each by the influence of one of the others. Brother Hurd spoke enthusiastically of having several Saturday lunches during the year. Nearly every brother responded with a few words.

Those present were: From Brown, H. E. Chapman, '90; F. D. Aldrich, '95; H. S. Filmer, '97, and E. S. Tuttle, '00; from Williams, W. S. Ayers, '06; James A. Bullard, '08, and Chas. E. Hazelton, '10; from Colby, A. G. Hurd, '92; H. L. Pierce, '92, and Alfred M. Frye, '05; from Amherst, E. K. Clark, Jr., '03; from Dartmouth, J. O. Sibley, '97; from Washington University, Niel Dowell Ives.

It was voted to meet several Saturday noons during the year for lunch. The following committee was appointed to look after next year's dinner: Alfred M. Frye, James A. Bullard and J. O. Sibley. The question was discussed as to whether application should be made for a charter for an alumni club. Some of the brothers thought that when more could be gotten together, perhaps next year, it would be an appropriate time to apply. At present action was deferred.

March 15, 1910.

ALFRED M. FRYE.

MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

The annual banquet of the Twin City Alumni Club of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ was held at the Minneapolis Club the evening of March 15. Forty-seven Phis gathered to refresh their memories of college days. After the banquet proper, talks and speeches were the order of the evening. Oscar Hallam of St. Paul, president of the alumni club, presided and

called for remarks from many. "Pete" (Roy S. Peters) sent an interesting note of regret from Silver City, N. M. The active men rendered a few musical numbers. After thus breaking the ice the men settled down to the real business of the evening, namely the question of a new chapter house for Minnesota. Informal discussions by the alumni and active men were had. Much interest was aroused, and an adjourned meeting was set for April 12, to further talk over the house matter. Brother Frankforter, *Nebraska*, '86, president; Calvin Confer, *Minnesota*, '01, vice president, and H. L. Murray, *Minnesota*, '92, secretary and treasurer, are the officers for the succeeding year. Those present were W. H. Condit, *Minnesota*; M. E. Harbin, *Iowa*; Harry Snyder, *Cornell*; G. B. Frankforter, *Nebraska*; Oscar Hallam, *Wisconsin*; L. A. Straight, *Illinois Wesleyan*; D. F. Simpson, *Wisconsin*; A. S. Hamilton, *Iowa*; S. E. Mahan, *Indiana*; E. C. Bisbee, *Minnesota*; H. L. Murray, *Minnesota*; C. F. Hermann, *Michigan State*; G. W. Stiles, *Iowa*; W. E. Guylee, *Iowa Wesleyan*; O. M. Corwin, *Minnesota*; A. V. Ostrom, Roy Thompson, S. C. Confer, H. N. Allen, R. C. Jones, H. H. Thomas, Elmer Stout, F. R. Haynes, V. W. Tryon, Walter Godart, Robert Wetmore, J. E. Jensen, M. W. Sowle, W. G. Hodgson, V. W. Mather, R. M. Sheild, all of *Minnesota*; A. C. Rogers, *Franklin*; and active men Nelson, Melvin, Johnston, Boyce, R. F. Powell, McCormack, Peppard, Wells, McCanna, Victor, Long, Odland, Joslyn, Klimenhagen, Walters, Rexford, Merrill and Breckenridge.

The meeting April 12 was held at the Kaiserhof. The fruit of this gathering of some thirty-five This is that plans are now being drawn for the house and will soon be in the hands of the contractors for estimates. Brother Geo. Banta, province president, was with us at this meeting.

JAMES B. LINDSAY.

April 15, 1910.

ST. LOUIS

The St. Louis Alumni Club joined the Missouri Gamma chapter in a dinner at Faust's Cabin on alumni day. The invitations to the dinner were gotten up in the form of legal summons and reflected the legal turn of mind of Brother T. F. Chaplin, president of the club.

The usual dinner, unusually good, flanked by numerous stiens, was fully enjoyed. The regular business of the club was attended to. The officers for the next year were elected, Brother Mark Anderson, *Missouri*, '92, being the new president and the same members of the Washington university chapter house committee were appointed. The chapter house committee made a report showing that there is on hand \$2975.72 in cash and \$2102.50 in now payable notes, all considered good. In addition there are other notes not yet matured making the chapter house fund to total \$6945.22. The chapter expects to purchase a lot as soon as Mr. Robert S. Brookings, president of the board of Washington university, returns to St. Louis. The location is fixed and preliminary plans laid and it is a matter of weeks only until this deal is consummated.

The business over, there were informal addresses by C. F. Lamkin, H. G. C.; State Senator Charles F. Crane, *Missouri*, '82; Hon. Charles P. Williams, *Vanderbilt*, '95; Campbell Cummings, *Washington*, '94; Philo S. Stevenson, *Washington*, '94; A. Winston Price of Missouri Gamma active chapter and others. Running comments and humorous

stunts by Brothers Royall H. Switzler, Campbell Cummings, F. M. (Big Chief") Cayou, F. S. Montgomery, E. G. Curtis, D. G. Cole and the Washington University freshman delegation made things lively. The singing of several songs, composed by Washington Phis and sung by the active chapter was an agreeable feature. There were nearly seventy in attendance and at least twenty chapters were represented. All the names of those attending the dinner were not obtained but among those present were the following: *Washington*—A. J. Goodbar, R. W. Beneke, G. A. Randolph, Campbell Cummings, Brownlee Fisher, E. G. Curtis, R. C. Miller, P. S. Stevenson, D. G. Cole, A. B. Lawves, Roy

<p>STATE OF MISSOURI</p> <p>CITY OF ST. LOUIS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">ss</p> <p>BEFORE THE Bar of Phi Delta Theta FAUST'S (CABIN) Broadway and Elm Streets. CITY of ST. LOUIS, STATE of MISSOURI</p> <p>Us All Whom It May Concern, as Well as Those Whom It Ought to Concern, Greeting: <i>You Are hereby commanded to set aside all wives, sweethearts, dates and other enemies, and to be and appear before the fatigued call of Phi Delta Theta, on Tuesday Night, the 13th day of March, 1910, at the hour of 6:30 P. M., sharp, in a neck suit, at Faust's in the Cabin, with an appetite and a thirst, there to do execution upon, and the substance to consume therein provided:</i></p> <p>The foregoing as per the Order of the <i>Phi Beta Sigma</i>. That special preparation be provided on this occasion to care for the prodigal sons who have never attended our reunions, as well as those loyal Phis who have been wont to gather once a year for a sight and a hand of old class-mates, friends and chums, whom they always look forward to seeing on the 13th of March, although their paths don't cross often at other times.</p> <p>And herein you are in no wise to fall at your peril of missing other and various persons and things ye little wot of. Your acknowledgment of this summons and your check for \$2.50 to Edw. G. Curtis in the inclosed envelope is returnable by next mail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Be witness whereof I beseech the seal of Phi Delta Theta, and the Reception Committee herein below:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">PHILO STEPHENSON.. Chairman</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">ROBT. MILLER</td> <td style="width: 50%;">HERSCHEL DIABELLE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GEO. L. GOLD</td> <td>ALLEN W. CLARK</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MARK ANDERSON</td> <td>BOYLE RHODES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E. ZELLER</td> <td>ALVAN GOODBAR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. L. ORTH</td> <td>POYAL SWITZLER</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">TRESCOTT F. CHAPLAIN, Pres. E. GLION CURTIS, Vice-Pres.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTY M. FARRAR, Sec'y and Tres.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attest:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service of summons and obedience thereto is hereby acknowledged and fee of \$2.50 for one plate which please reserve, is hereby inclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summons following Phis.</p>	ROBT. MILLER	HERSCHEL DIABELLE	GEO. L. GOLD	ALLEN W. CLARK	MARK ANDERSON	BOYLE RHODES	E. ZELLER	ALVAN GOODBAR	C. L. ORTH	POYAL SWITZLER
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THE INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ST. LOUIS ALUMNI CLUB.

A. Campbell, F. M. Elliott, B. T. Farrar, Garner Penney, H. P. Hall, W. H. Ware, L. A. Maverick, C. C. Collins, A. S. Blatterman, Wayne Smith, M. M. White, T. P. Serfass, R. W. Price, T. F. Chaplin, F. E. Glasgow, G. P. Whitelaw, G. W. Lane, F. H. Codding, H. M. Pollard, H. I. Drabelle, R. W. Wilson, P. J. Haldeman, W. J. Congelman and others; *Missouri*—Mark Anderson, Charles F. Crane, Royall H. Switzler; *Westminster*—C. F. Lamkin; *Dickinson*—F. M. Cayou; *Alabama*—F. S. Montgomery; *Dartmouth*—James W. Wallace, Alfred G. White, Lorin L. White; *Cornell*—M. F. Bayard, Lewis Perry, Kelton E.

White; *Virginia*—J. Gwinn Gaugh; *Syracuse*—C. M. Marriott; *Stanford and Michigan*—W. P. Elmer; *Knox*—C. E. Hyndman; *Sewanee*—J. H. Shelton; *Franklin*—Allen W. Clark; *Wabash*—William E. Bowman; *Vanderbilt*—Charles P. Williams; *Purdue*—W. L. Kussell; *Case*—E. K. Bacon; *Illinois*—Mills.

March 20, 1910.

CHARLES F. LAMKIN.

OMAHA.

The thirty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ at the University of Nebraska was auspiciously celebrated at Omaha Saturday, March 19, at a joint banquet and reunion by Nebraska Alpha and the Omaha Alumni Club. The general council was represented by Brother C. F. Lamkin, of Keytesville, Mo., and Zeta Province by its vice president, Brother Fred Cowles of Kansas City. Eighty-one Phis were present the chapters represented and the number from each being as follows: Nebraska, 59; Knox, 5; Iowa, 3; Kansas, 2; Columbia, 2; Wisconsin, 2, and Allegheny, Butler, Buctel, Colby, Lombard, Monmouth, Williams and Westminster one each.

The first contingent of Phis came Saturday forenoon, when the active chapter and a number of Lincoln alumni arrived. This delegation, with Brother Cowles and a number of the younger Omaha Phis, were entertained at lunch at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Owen, the parents of Brother Hubert Owen of the Nebraska active chapter. Shortly after 2 o'clock these Phis were joined by the others who had come in on the later trains, and a party of fifty attended the Orpheum matinee. There a number of the actors honored the presence of so many $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ men by wearing the colors of the Fraternity as well as the scarlet and cream of the University of Nebraska.

After the theater an informal reception was held at the Omaha Club, where the banquet was to be held later in the evening. The Phis were prompt in gathering, and considerable time was given to renewing old acquaintances and in making new ones. One of the most impressive meetings was that between Brothers Foree and Anderson, two of Nebraska Alpha's charter members, who had parted at graduation and there met again for the first time in nearly a third of a century. "Yes, my son is a member of the Fraternity," said Brother Anderson, in introducing Lewis Anderson, his oldest son, to his college chum. "I told him that if he got the chance I wanted him to join the bunch that we belonged to. In all those years I have never ceased to love the old Fraternity."

At the banquet Ex-Congressman John L. Kennedy, *Iowa*, '82, was toastmaster and those who responded were: E. C. Page, *Buctel*, '86; M. A. Hall, *Wisconsin*, '88; Roger C. Craven, *Iowa*, '88; Hanford E. Finney, *Kansas*, '89; C. F. Lamkin, *Westminster*, '99; Thomas Creigh, William Hayward and William H. Oury, all *Nebraska*, '97; Walter P. Thomas, *Nebraska*, '99; J. A. C. Kennedy, *Nebraska*, '00; Robert A. Gantt, *Nebraska*, '09; Archer Bunting, *Nebraska*, '10, and James R. Foree and A. E. Anderson, two of the charter members of Nebraska Alpha.

Although the banquet lasted nearly five hours, monotony was not a part of the proceedings. Every speaker on the program had enough incidents of his college life to recall, advice to offer, suggestions to make, or anecdotes to relate that there was keen interest manifested through-

out the program. The enthusiasm of the older Phis, a number with sons in the Fraternity, and many reaching nearly to the grandfather stage, was a feature of the evening. Those who came expecting the active chapter to furnish most of the enthusiasm were disappointed. The younger men quickly learned that it was a night when gray hairs were to be forgotten and the abyss of years was to be bridged that those who measured by decades the time since they left college might return again and enjoy the reminiscences of their youth and live a few brief hours in the old atmosphere of former days. Thoughtlessly the banquet committee hired an orchestra but in the face of college yells and fraternity songs the instrumental music soon faded into insignificance.

A number of telegrams were received during the evening among them being a message of greeting from the Nebraska chapter of $\Sigma\ A\ E$, which was holding a banquet in Lincoln the same evening, from Hugo Birkner and "Bill" Price, two Phi mining engineers who are making gold bricks in Arizona, and from the Boston and Harvard alumni clubs.

By a unanimous vote of all present the flowers which had been used in decorating the banquet table were given to Brother Foree that he might carry them to his sick wife, who was then in an Omaha hospital. Before the banquet broke up, at the suggestion of Brother W. P. Thomas, *Nebraska*, '00, a silent toast was drunk to the Fraternity's dead and especially to the departed members of *Nebraska Alpha*.

April 1 1910.

AMOS THOMAS, *Nebraska*, '09

FARGO

March 15 was duly celebrated in Fargo, by an enthusiastic bunch of alumni. An informal dinner was served at the Gardner Hotel, after which the following program was pulled off:

Toastmaster, V. R. Lovell, *Iowa*, '86; College Reminiscences, R. A. More, *Minnesota*, '01; Infant Chapters, M. W. Murphy, *South Dakota*, '09; Chapters to be, Frank J. Ray, *Minnesota*, '11; Fargo Alumni Club, W. O. McLellan, *Hanover*, '06, and Round Table; L'envoi, Verner R. Lovell, *Iowa*, '86.

Brother Frank J. Ray, *Minnesota*, '11, spoke on the University of North Dakota, which he and several other Phis are now attending.

A business session was afterwards opened for the purpose of discussing the organization of an alumni club. It was unanimously agreed that a charter be applied for and the application has since been submitted to the general council. The advisability of the Fraternity entering the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, was brought up, and unanimously endorsed by the Phis of Fargo.

The meeting adjourned with a resolve to turn out in a body at the next Pan-Hellenic dinner to be held some time in April. With sixteen members, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ has easily the strongest representation of any fraternity in Fargo.

The following chapters were represented: Minnesota, Iowa State, Wisconsin, Chicago, Illinois Wesleyan, Ohio Wesleyan, South Dakota, McGill, Wabash and Hanover.

April 12, 1910.

Wm. O. MCLELLAND, *Hanover*, '06.

PHILADELPHIA.

The Phi Delta Theta Club of Philadelphia celebrated alumni day in a unique fashion. Instead of the stereotyped banquet, beginning

with oysters and ending with formal toasts, seventy Phis occupied a block of seats 'down front' (secured for them through the courtesy and influence of Brother Malcolm I. Davis) at a performance of "The Matinee Idol" by DeWolf Hopper and his company.

Upon the conclusion of the show there was an adjournment to the banquet hall of Kugler's restaurant, where a dinner was served at the close of which informal addresses were made including a response by Brother John B. Ballou, T. G. C.

Not only was the evening a success from the standpoint of the fraternal spirit, but as a financial matter there was a considerable profit, which, with donations from individual Phis, will be expended for improvements at the chapter house. Thirty of those present were members of the active chapter. All joined in acclaiming the celebration as the best ever.

BENJAMIN H. LUDLOW.

April 21, 1910.

REGGULARS



SLOGAN:—"ON TO NIAGARA."

FOR PRESIDENT.

"Zwei" BOCK, OHIO "Z." '98.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

"PEEBY" STRAUB, PA. "E." '98.

FOR REPORTER AND SECRETARY.

"DIT" DITRICH, PA. "G." '09.

FOR TREASURER.

"GEORGIA" BRADLEY, GA. "B." '98.

FOR CHAPLAIN.

"KNUTE" CHALFANT, PA. "A." '84.

FOR WARDEN.

SAM LAMPE, PA. "D." '04.

INSURGENTS



SLOGAN:—"FALL CONVENTIONS."

FOR PRESIDENT.

"CHAN" DUFF, PA. "G." '01.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

"SHOW ME" VAN BLARCOM, MO. "A." '94.

FOR REPORTER AND SECRETARY.

"JEFF" HILL, PA. "B." '04.

FOR TREASURER.

"BILLY" FOSTER, PA. "A." '96.

FOR CHAPLAIN.

"SKY PILOT" FARMER, PA. "G." '92.

FOR WARDEN.

"BALDY" BAUMGARNER, PA. "G." '02.

BALLOTS OF THE PITTSBURG ALUMNI CLUB.

PITTSBURG

Alumni day with the brothers in Pittsburg not only commemorates the founding of their beloved Fraternity but each one marks the founding of new friendships and the strengthening of the ties among the brothers many of whom from many chapters now in common make Pittsburg their home. The committee, of which Brother J. Audley Pierce was the large large part, prepared circulars and sent them, and also postals, to all PIs who reside in this district and whose address it was possible to obtain, and Brothers Bock and Duff, respective candidates for president spread broadcast literature well putting forth the merits of their brand and platform. So that when the seventy odd brothers gathered at the Hotel Fort Pitt on the night of March 15, it was with a feeling that great things were pending.

Some things might have been left out, but nothing could have been added to make the banquet more enjoyable. The toasts were excellent, as were the toasters. Brother R. W. Darragh, *Allegheny*, '93, acted as toastmaster, followed by W. T. Treadway, *Washington and Jefferson*, '86, who in turn called on several impromptu. Brother Geo. W. Brown, *Washington and Jefferson*, '10, spoke of the active chapter, and lastly Brothers A. W. Robertson, *Allegheny*, '06, and W. A. Bradley, *Georgia*, '98, who were, as it were, the good wine served at the last.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. W. Bock, Ohio Zeta, '98; vice president, P. B. Straub, Pennsylvania Epsilon, '98; reporter and secretary, Wm. H. Ditrich, Pennsylvania Gamma, '09; treasurer, W. A. Bradley, Georgia Beta, '98; chaplain, E. C. Chalfant, Pennsylvania Alpha, '95; warden, S. C. Lampe, Pennsylvania Beta, '04.

A second donation of \$25 was voted to be sent the Memorial chapter house at Miami, and our banquet closed with the slogan of the winning party "On to Niagara."

WILLIAM R. MAIN.

March 28, 1910.

NASHVILLE.

On March 15, alumni day, the Tennessee Alpha chapter started work on its new chapter house, and on Friday, March 18, the Nashville Alumni Club held its annual dinner to celebrate at the same time alumni day and the beginning of the new chapter house. The dinner was held in the large private dining hall of Luigart's Café, which, by a singular coincidence, is located in the same building where the old sub rosa chapter at Vanderbilt held its social shines more than a quarter of a century ago. This fact was commented on by the older speakers, along with other changes in and about the university, the city and the chapter. Plates were laid for fifty, and every man there enjoyed himself to the utmost, and renewed his pledges in $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.

John H. DeWitt, past P. G. C., was toastmaster and the list of speakers included Robert F. Jackson, '81, and W. H. Goodpasture, '80, on the sub rosa days; Ben Childers, '96, of Pulaski, Tenn., on "The House That Was;" Dr. H. S. Vaughn, '96, on "The House That Is To Be;" Lee Douglas, '08, on the active alumni; and John C. Carter, '10, for the active chapter. The program and the dinner were interspersed with songs and yells from the irrepressible active chapter.

At the conclusion of the program a business session was held at which A. E. Howell, '82, was re-elected president and H. S. Vaughn,

'96, was re-elected secretary. These two are also officers of the alumni corporation which has in charge the erection of the new chapter house. Dr. Vaughn was elected delegate of the Nashville Club to the Niagara Falls convention, and Lee Douglas was chosen as alternate. Tennessee Alpha, both active and alumni, will be enthusiastically present in August.

April 5, 1910.

ROBERT S. HENRY.

BURLINGTON.

The Burlington Alumni Club and the local chapter of Vermont Alpha celebrated alumni day, according to the usual custom, at the chapter house. General discussion and conference was freely indulged in, both on the local chapter and general Fraternity—by the active members and alumni. Refreshments and entertainment were furnished by the active chapter. A most enjoyable and profitable evening was passed and our enthusiasm for the Fraternity and respect and loyalty to our founders greatly increased.

Among the alumni present were G. I. Forbes, '90; C. H. Mower, '94; G. M. Sabin, '96; F. K. Jackson, '97; Carlton D. Howe, '08; C. A. Kern, '01; H. E. Grey, '03; H. E. Cunningham, '04; H. L. Thompson, California Beta, '06.

GEORGE M. SABIN.

March 16, 1910.

TACOMA

On the evening of March 15 the Tacoma Alumni Club held its annual dinner at the University Club. Thirteen Phis were present and in spite of the number a very enjoyable evening was spent. Brother O. G. Ellis, *Missouri*, '83, was elected president for the coming year and Brother Geo. B. Guyles, *California*, '09, secretary. Brother R. A. Eaton, *Illinois Wesleyan*, '88, of Seattle, was present and gave a very interesting talk full of college and fraternity reminiscences. Talks were also made by Brothers Ellis, Hinley, *Stanford*, '05 and Twitchell, *Minnesota*, '88, and some time was spent in informal discussion of the relation of the alumni club to the active chapter. Plans for practical application in the future were taken up.

A long distance telephone message of greeting was sent to the Seattle Alumni Club which was holding its banquet at the Lincoln. After the dinner the members gathered around the piano in the lounging room for some old college songs, after which one of the most enjoyable and profitable meetings the club has ever held was brought to a close.

April 12, 1910.

GEO. B. GUYLES.

APPLETON

The Fox River Valley Alumni Club held its annual banquet on Thursday evening, March 10, in the French room of the Sherman House in Appleton, to celebrate alumni day, about a dozen members being present.

After an excellent supper, President Mark S. Catlin, *Chicago*, '05, called on different members for informal talks. Brother George Banta, president of Zeta Province, gave a most interesting account of the movement on foot to abolish fraternities at Wisconsin and other universities, and showed the importance of the alumni all over the country coming to the assistance of the active chapters in fighting this movement.

His brief address thoroughly stirred those present, awakened the old interest in the Fraternity and has already been the means of doing much good.

Short talks were also made by Dr. Charles W. Treat, Indiana Zeta, dean of Lawrence college; Byron H. Stebbins, James H. Krueger and George Thom of Wisconsin Alpha; and Paul F. Hunter, Indiana Alpha.

Two brothers were elected to membership in the club: Byron H. Stebbins, Wisconsin Alpha, '01, and James H. Krueger, Wisconsin Alpha, '04. Brother Paul F. Hunter was elected delegate and Brother Mark S. Catlin, alternate, to the national convention to be held at Niagara Falls.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, by the Alumni Club of the Fox River Valley, assembled at Appleton, Wis., to celebrate alumni day, that we heartily endorse the petition of ΘΦ for a charter of ΦΔΘ at Lawrence College and instruct our delegate to the national convention at Niagara Falls to leave undone nothing honorable to secure to them a charter."

April 11, 1910.

PAUL F. HUNTER.

PERSONAL.

All readers of THE SCROLL are requested to forward personals about alumni. Reporters are urged to forward them with every chapter letter, but on separate sheets. A favor will be conferred on the Editor by writing them in the form in which such items appear below.

Please write all proper names very clearly.

Clippings should bear the names and dates of the papers from which they have been cut.

A particular request is made for information about members who have recently died, including more especially the date and place of death.

Nebraska—Hugo Birkner, '08, is located at Bisbee, Ariz.

Idaho—Rodney L. Small, '11, is located at Moscow, Ida.

Nebraska—Gage Shannon, '05, is located at Shellsburg, Iowa.

Michigan—Archie Oakes, '09, is at 1736 J Street, Fresno, Cal.

Washington and Lee—William C. Vance, '10, is at Princeton.

Colorado—James D. L. McPheeters, '09, is traveling in Europe.

Idaho—Orlando P. Darwin, '09, is located at Cumberland, Tenn.

Washington and Lee—Leon V. Larsen, '08, is in Havana, Cuba.

Ohio—Edward B. Elliott, '08, is at 33 Fargo Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

South Dakota—M. Plin' Beebe, '05, is practicing law at Ipswich, So. Dak.

Idaho—Birney C. Yancey, '11, is at 618 Riverside Avenue, Spokane, Wash.

Stanford—James F. Gamble, '06, is at 85 Pinckney Street, Boston, Mass.

Nebraska—Earl Farnsworth, '03, is attending Harvard Medical College.

Illinois—Alva B. Meek, '10, is managing his father's estate at Carrollton, Ill.

Dickinson—Edgar S. Everhart, '03, is practicing medicine at Crabtree, Pa.

Dartmouth—Nat. J. Howland, '09, is at Adelheidstr. 15, Hanover, Germany.

Emory—Egbert E. King, '06, is located at 33 North Avenue, Atlanta, Ga.

Tulane—J. W. Turner, '08, is with the Art Wall Paper Mills, Dallas, Texas.

Ohio—Orville F. Figley, '06, is located in Chicago at 1452 W. Adams Street.

Washington and Lee—Thomas F. Mann, '06, is located at Fort Spring, Va.

Ohio State—William R. Sprague, '01, is practicing law at Portsmount, Ohio.

Iowa State—Verner R. Lovell, '86, was elected mayor of Fargo, N. D., April 4, 1910.

Kansas—Ray F. Sexton, '05, is in the office of the state accountant, Topeka, Kan.

Kansas—Thomas M. Van Cleave, '08, is at 199 York Street, New Haven, Conn.

Miami—William C. Robertson, '03, is with the *Denver Express*, Denver, Colo.

Tulane—Richard Lee McMillen, '10, is with the Palmer Paper Co., New Orleans.

Brown—Carl S. Crummett, '07, is at 70 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, Conn.

Indiana—Charles Gotschall, '05, is located at 1333 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago.

Illinois—Frank F. Hardman, '11, is with the Burlington Railroad at Lincoln, Neb.

Dartmouth—Earl B. Fowler, '07, is a senior in the Rush Medical College, Chicago.

California—Clarence L. Variel, '08, is at 2237 Michigan Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal.

Georgia—Ed Mills, a graduate of the Macon law school, is practicing law in Griffin, Ga.

Amherst—Adolphus M. Milloy, '10, is at 1736 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Cornell—Charles B. Mason, '94, is an attorney at law, 30 Genesee Street, Utica, N. Y.

Colorado—Charles M. Knapper, '11, is teaching in the high school of Phillipsburg, Pa.

Gettysburg—Millard F. Troxwell, '80, is president of Midland College, Atchison, Kan.

Gettysburg—Frederick A. Muhlenberg, '08, is at 34 South Fifth Street, Reading, Pa.

Dartmouth—William D. Blatner, '05, is Chicago manager for the Hoover Suction Sweeper Co., with offices and store at 24 East Monroe Street.

Washington and Lee—Joe T. Lykes, '08, is in the shipping business in Galveston, Texas.

Colorado—John Scott Hamilton, '09, is a practicing attorney at Fort Madison, Iowa.

Alabama—William S. Mudd, '06, of Birmingham, Ala., is the father of an infant daughter.

Lafayette—Alfred A. Walter, '03, has removed his law office to 64 Wall Street, New York.

Dickinson—Edward C. Creasy, '09, is with Creasy & Wells, lumber dealers, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Stanford—Lawrence Bogle, '04, was married recently to Miss Ethel Amann of Oakland, Cal.

Purdue—William G. Munn, '09, is with the Wilder-Manning Tanning Co., Waukegan, Ill.

Iowa—Verner R. Lovell, '86, was chosen mayor of Fargo, N. D., at the recent spring election.

Alabama—Sears Lee, '07, has accepted a position with Calhoun, Deny & Ewing, Seattle, Wash.

Mississippi—Jacob S. Yerger, '04, has returned from Manila, P. I., and is located at Sidon, Miss.

Colby—William H. M. Teague, '03, is superintendent of schools of the towns of Warren and Union, Me.

Wabash—Thomas C. Hood, '81, is an oculist in Indianapolis with offices in the Willoughby Building.

Tulane—Heath Leigh McMeans, '12, is engaged in the lumber business with his father in Mobile, Ala.

Central—Watt Andrews, '05, of Birmingham, Ala., has recovered from a serious case of typhoid fever.

De Pauw—James U. Brown, '86, is a lawyer at Hutchison, Kas., with offices in the Masonic Building.

Lafayette—Fred B. Atherton, '09, is with Brooks & Company, bankers, 423 Spruce Street, Scranton, Pa.

Washington and Lee—George McP. Minetree, '08, is in the railway supply business in Washington, D. C.

Colorado—Claude R. Ferguson, '07, is superintendent of the Gaston Gold Mining Co., at Gaston, Cal.

Indiana—Fred V. Overman, '02, is a physician with offices in the Willoughby Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

Missouri—Clifford T. Switzler, '94, has moved from Cambridge to 39 Exchange Street, Watertown, Mass.

Washington and Lee—Abram D. Somerville, '08, is at the University of Mississippi in the law department.

Kansas—Charles W. L. Armour, '96, is in the real estate loan and engineering business at Fort Smith, Ark.

Buchtel—Rev. Vincent E. Tomlinson, '83, has been elected chairman of the school committee of Worcester, Mass.

Union—Dickinson E. Griffith, '02, is an attorney and counsellor at law with offices at 165 Broadway, New York.

Iowa and Minnesota—John S. Corl, '04, has taken a position with the Manhattan Malting Co., at Manhattan, Mont.

Minnesota—Charles A. Pitkin, '01, is with the Southern Colonization Co., 424 Endicott Arcade, St. Paul, Minn.

Colorado—John L. Haley, '11, has signed to catch for the Harrisburg (Pa.) league team for the coming season.

Missouri—Thomas J. J. See, '89, is the author of an article in the *Pacific* for April, entitled "Is Venus Inhabited."

Georgia Tech.—The engagement of John G. Chapman, '08, to Miss Mary Anderson of Atlanta has been announced.

Williams—James A. Bullard, '08, is professor of mathematics, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass.

Illinois—William W. May, '09, is with Butler Bros., Chicago, and is living at the Y. M. C. A., in Oak Park, Ill.

Dartmouth—E. Percy Noel, '05, is secretary of the Aero Club of St. Louis; his address is 304 North Fourth Street.

Gettysburg—Harry H. Weber, '82, is secretary of the Lutheran board of church extension with offices at York, Pa.

Wisconsin—James A. Wilson, '10, is employed in the auditing department of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago.

Minnesota—Francis R. Haynes, '05, is with the Russell-Miller Milling Co., with headquarters at Minneapolis, Minn.

Gettysburg—J. Clyde Markel, '00, is a practicing physician in Pittsburgh, with offices at 918-920 Westinghouse Building.

Central—William B. Ardery, '09, of Paris Ky., was married to Miss Julia Spencer of Lexington, Ky., April 14, 1910.

De Pauw—Harry B. Potter, '08, is assistant professor in the department of farm crops, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Michigan—Harry L. Coe, '08, is with Miller, Franklin & Stevenson, business economists, 39 Wall Street, New York.

Kansas and Purdue—Louis J. Flint, '05, is with the McCalla Ventilator Company, 1535 Old Colony Building, Chicago.

Dartmouth—Alfred G. White, '07, is an advertising expert in the employ of the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co., of St. Louis.

Colby—Joseph U. Teague, '06, is traveling for the Rand-McNally Publishing Co., having as his territory the state of Maine.

Colorado—Harry Donaghe Daniels, '07, is with the Phalanx Fruit Co., Chamber of Commerce Building, Los Angeles, Cal.

Vermont—Arthur T. Appleton, '07, is superintendent and chief engineer of the Dublin Electric Company, Dublin, N. H.

Georgia Tech.—James Weatherly, Jr., '11, has left college to accept a position with one of the iron companies in Pueblo, Col.

Alabama—Robert E. Steiner, Jr., '06, has recently been taken into the law firm of Steiner, Crum & Weil, of Montgomery, Ala.

Michigan—Robert H. Wolcott, '90, has been appointed acting dean of the college of medicine of the University of Nebraska.

Gettysburg—John E. Meisenhelder, '07, is spending a year abroad, pursuing a course in special medicine in Berlin and Vienna.

Tulane—John Robinson Conniff, '94, has been elected to the executive committee of the alumni association of Tulane University.

Allegheny—Olin C. Jones, '07, has accepted a position as assistant pastor of the Trinity M. E. Church in Youngstown, Ohio.

Washington University—Neil Dowell Ives, '12, is a member of the freshman class at Worcester Polytechnical Institute, Worcester, Mass.

Lehigh—Edwin B. Wilkinson, '01, is located at Low Moor, Va., where he is sales agent for the Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia.

Alabama—S. Mays Ball, '93, is the author of a series of articles on prohibition in the South which have appeared in *Leslie's Weekly*.

Texas and California—Aimé B. Titus, '06, is vice president of The Art Students' League of New York. Brother Titus lives in San Diego, Cal.

Vanderbilt—Wm. H. Weller, Jr., '05, has recently been appointed secretary of the Monro-Warrior Coal & Coke Company at Birmingham, Ala.

Tulane—James Birney Guthrie, '96, has been elected a member of the executive committee of the alumni association of Tulane University.

Alabama—William Buck Ross, '04, from Mobile, Ala., is now located in Jacksonville Fla., as traveling freight agent of the M. & O. Railway.

Northwestern—F. Cushing Moore, '98, state inspector of mines of Idaho, has recently issued his annual report, an illustrated book of 140 pages.

Indiana—Don G. Irions, '09, and Henry L. Miller, '08, are members of the Buena Vista Assaying & Engineering Company, Buena Vista, Colo.

Amherst—After a 30,000 mile trip around Europe and Asia by boat, Frederic M. Butts, '09, has settled down in Boston with Butts and Ordway.

Washington and Lee—James W. Marshall, '01, paymaster of the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad Company, is located at Richmond, Va.

Brown—Rev. Hamilton E. Chapman, '90, has accepted a call to the Quinsigamond Baptist Church of Worcester, Mass. He goes to Worcester from Millbury, Mass.

Washington and Jefferson—Arthur A. Hays, '95, formerly professor of Greek and Hebrew at W. & J., is now teaching at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago.

Northwestern—Edward Hammett, '01, is located at Sheboygan, Wis., where he is superintendent and purchasing agent for the Sheboygan Light, Power and Railway Co.

Gettysburg—John F. Seibert, '89, has been chosen city superintendent of missions in Chicago under the Lutheran missionary board. His address is 518 East 41st Street.

Colorado and Westminster—Charles D. Sevier, '09, is in the engineering department of the Union Pacific Railway at Ogden, Utah. His address is 10 Peery Apartments.

Richmond—Rev. William Archer Borum, '88, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at Oxford, Miss., has accepted a call to the First Baptist church of Jackson, Miss.

Penn. State—Thomas J. Bryson, '04, has moved from Johnstown, Pa., to Ashtabula, Ohio, where he is a member of the firm of Chapin & Bryson, architects and engineers.

Minnesota—Gregory H. Herz, '05, has severed his connection with the Soo Line Railway and is now with the Minneapolis Traffic Association, Chamber of Commerce Building.

De Pauw—Willard L. Elkins, '00, has moved from Monessen, Pa., to Birmingham, Ala., where he is with the First National Bank, the largest financial institution in the South.

Syracuse—Earle K. Twombly, '04, Philip S. Blanchard, *Dartmouth*, '04, and Augustus C. Thompson, *Colby*, '08, are all employed by the B. & R. Rubber Co., North Brookfield, Mass.

Vanderbilt—John W. Tomlinson, '82, of Birmingham, Ala., was one of the six speakers at the Jefferson day banquet, at Washington, D. C., on April 13, when 700 democrats were present.

Washington and Lee and Virginia—Emerson W. Kelly, '07, was married April 6, 1910, to Miss Dorcas Elizabeth Lewis at Norton, Va. They are at home after April 20 at Wise, Va.

Dickinson—Rev. Wilbur V. Mallalieu, '99, and Miss Nellie G. Seville, niece of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. McCormick, were married at the bride's home, Roland Park, Md., February 23, 1910.

Dickinson—James Tilghman Earle, '01, was married January 26, 1910 to Miss Ellen Douglas Teddeman at the bride's home in Centerville, Md. Brother Earle is practicing lay at Centerville.

Virginia and Franklin—Richard A. Jackson, '79, formerly president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, is now located in St. Paul as general counsel for the Great Northern Railway.

Georgia—At the instigation of Congressman James Gordon Russell, '78, the railroad bill in congress was amended so as to restore the effectiveness of the long and short haul clause in the rate law.

Colorado—Herbert Whitaker, '08, was married March 8 to Miss Elsie Davison, of Victor, Colo. They will be at home in that city, where Brother Whitaker is chemist for the Independence Mill.

Texas—Robert N. Watkin, '06, was elected April 5 a member of the school board of Dallas, Texas. Of sixteen candidates for six places on the board Brother Watkin received next to the highest vote.

South Dakota—Orville W. Thompson, '93, is secretary and treasurer of James P. Marsh & Company, manufacturers of gauges, valves and steam specialties, with offices at 224-226 Washington Street, Chicago.

Iowa Wesleyan—George M. Rommel, '97, has been selected to represent the department of agriculture in the development of a system by which that department will breed horses suitable to military purposes.

Emory—Josiah J. Willard, '04, is assistant manager of the Coca-Cola Company, Philadelphia, Pa., and editor and manager of *The Coca-Cola Bottler*, published monthly in the interest of the Coca-Cola bottling companies.

Alabama—James Holtzclaw Kirkpatrick, '03, of Montgomery, Ala., Master of Arts, '04, Ph. D. Oxford University, '08, is practicing law in Mobile, Ala. Brother Kirkpatrick was the first Alabamian to win a Rhodes scholarship.

De Pauw—James H. Wilkerson, '89, assistant United States district attorney at Chicago has been making life interesting for the beef trust of late. Brother Wilkerson is also second vice-president of the Chicago Bar Association.

Gettysburg—On January 19, 1910, Robert H. Philson, '03, Myersdale, Pa., and Miss Mary Rebecca Reger of Buckhanna, W. Va., were married at the home of the bride. Brother Philson is cashier of the Citizens National Bank at Myersdale, Pa.

Sewanee—Miles A. Watkins, '03, St. Vincents Hospital, Birmingham, Ala., has recovered from an operation for appendicitis, recently performed. Brother Watkins was All-Southern football star at Sewanee during the years of 1902, 3, 4 and 5.

Dartmouth—George E. Liscomb, '07, has recently been elected secretary and treasurer of the Dartmouth Alumni Association of Chicago. He is located at 831 Monadnock Building, as middle western representative of the United States Timber Company.

Sewanee—George Watkins, '07, is located in Birmingham, Ala., in the law office of Johnson & Campbell. Brother Watkins is well known in college athletics, having starred on the Sewanee football and baseball teams for years and having been captain of the '06 eleven.

Cincinnati—At the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Ohio League of Republican Clubs held at Dayton, Ohio, in February, Guido Gores, '01, completed his term as president of the organization. This office has rarely been held by a man so young as Brother Gores.

Allegheny—William L. Stidger, '10, has discontinued his studies in the theological department of Boston University to accept a position as assistant superintendent of East Greenwich Academy, at East Greenwich, R. I. Herbert K. Dennis, '10, will be a member of the faculty of the same institution.

Sewanee—Augustus B. Wheeler, Jr., '06, is one of a group of New Orleans business men behind a large movement to operate on an extensive scale a pure food cooperative farm and dairy company, which will help materially in bringing down the cost of food products in and around the city of New Orleans.

Vermont—Carroll W. Doten, '95, will act as consulting statistician to the director of the census at Washington this summer, as he did last summer. He is assistant professor of economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, secretary of the American Statistical Association and vice president of Alpha province of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.

Dartmouth—George W. Shaw, '87, is professor of experimental agronomy and agricultural technology in the University of California. He is also secretary of the Dartmouth alumni association of the Pacific coast. Dr. Shaw is recognized as the leading soil authority of the west if not of the entire country, being retained as consulting forester for the United States Timber Co., a eucalyptus timber-land corporation with offices in Cleveland, Chicago, New York, Boston and Denver.

Mississippi—Clarence L. Shivley, '97, for the past few years assistant general solicitor of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad, has, since the appointment of Judge William S. Kenyon as special assistant to Secretary Wickersham, succeeded Judge Kenyon as assistant solicitor general for the Illinois Central Railroad, and has moved to Chicago.

Alabama—Washington Moody, '07, has moved his law office from Mobile, Ala., where he was associated with Brother Palmer Pillans, '97, to Tuscaloosa, Ala. Brother Moody's home is in Tuscaloosa and his many friends will extend him a hearty welcome. He was captain of the Alabama football team in 1906, having starred at center rush for several years.

Mississippi—Robert N. Somerville, '07, has become the junior member of the firm of Charles Scott, Woods & Somerville, attorneys at law at Rosedale and Cleveland, Miss., Brother Somerville being in charge of the Cleveland office. Mr. Scott is one of the largest planters in the South, a leading member of the bar in Mississippi and candidate for governor in 1911.

Minnesota—Hugh N. Allen, '98, has just resigned his position as deputy county auditor and secretary to the board of county commissioners of Hennepin County, to take a position as manager of the Minneapolis office of the Florida Homes Land Company, an organization to sell Florida lands, backed by Minneapolis men. He has offices at 1140-1142 Metropolitan Life Building.

Richmond—The Church of the Ascension in Washington has now over 1,000 communicants, the number having considerably more than doubled during the two years that Rev. J. Henning Nelms, '80, has been rector. In April 102 persons were confirmed, the largest class in the history of the Washington diocese. Brother Nelms was toastmaster at the last alumni day banquet of the Washington Alumni Club.

Illinois—Ernest T. Ingold, '09, graduate athletic manager, under "G" Huff at the University of Illinois, and who has put the athletic association in excellent financial condition, has resigned his position, and next summer will become publicity manager for the Los Angeles Investment Company. The responsibility of managing the Western Inter-collegiate track meet to be held on Illinois Field, June 4, devolves upon Ingold.

Pennsylvania—Professor Thos. G. Lee, '86, director of the Minnesota University institute of anatomy, has been appointed by that institute as its delegate to the second international anatomical congress at Brussels, Belgium, August 7-11, 1910, and to the eighth international zoological congress, Graz, Austria, August 15-20. He will read papers at each congress. Dr. Lee sailed on April 9, and will spend the next few months on an official visit for the university to laboratories of the principal universities of England, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Italy and Austria to secure data of interest for the construction of the new institute of anatomy about to be erected at the University of Minnesota at a cost of \$200,000.

Emory and Vanderbilt—The Bureau of Labor, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, has completed a report on the employment of women and children in various industries. The investigation, which was more extended than any other ever conducted by the bureau, has

been in progress three years. Walter B. Palmer, '80, has been in charge of the largest section of the report, that relating to the employment of women and children in cotton factories. This section, now going through the government printing office, will contain over 1000 pages, and will be the first section issued. Brother Palmer has also written the article on the employment of women and children in the south for "The South in the Building of the Nation," an historical work of twelve volumes, edited by Dr. J. C. Ballagh, of Johns Hopkins University, and others, and now being published.

Alabama—In its issue of March 3, 1910, *The Eastern Underwriter* has the following to say of William Norris Compton, '88, who was last year appointed general agent of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., for New York City:

During the eight months of last year that Mr. Compton had charge of the agency there was an increase of 40 per cent in production as compared with the similar period of the preceding year, while the business for January and February, 1910, is over three times that secured during the same months of 1909. Mr. Compton has succeeded in holding the old agency force, not having lost one of the old men, and yet 75 per cent of the business secured is from new men he has obtained since taking charge. In addition to possessing ability to secure and manage producers, Mr. Compton is also a personal writer of no mean caliber. Since coming to New York he has given the company a half million of personal business, the amount for the first two months of this year being \$150,000.

Vanderbilt—The general conference of the Methodist Church, South, which meets at Asheville, N. C., this month, will deal with questions of momentous importance to that church. Among them is the future relation between the church and Vanderbilt University. Among the many alumni of that institution who are delegates to this body are the following alumni of Tennessee Alpha: F. S. Brockman, '91, Y. M. C. A. missionary among the universities of China; Rev. A. F. Watkins, '82, Jackson, Miss.; William T. Sanders, '89, lawyer and former railroad commissioner of Alabama, Athens, Ala.; T. A. Embrey, '83, lawyer, Winchester, Tenn.; and Rev. J. E. Harrison, '83, college president, San Antonio, Texas. One of the most prominent Phi Delta Thetas in religious work is F. P. Turner, *Vanderbilt*, '91, general secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, New York.

Nebraska—In an article about the political situation in Nebraska, published in the *Saturday Evening Post* for April 16, Samuel G. Blythe writes as follows concerning William H. Hayward, '97, who will be remembered as one of the speakers at the banquet of the last national convention of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$:

The most interesting fight will be in the first district, now represented by a Democrat, but normally Republican. One of the candidates here is William H. Hayward, of Nebraska City, who is secretary of the Republican national committee, and thus may be supposed to be of the regular organization. However, Hayward has announced himself as a candidate and has pledged himself, if elected, to vote against Cannon and what Cannon represents. This is bringing the revolt pretty close home. Hayward is a clean-cut, able young fellow, the son of General Hayward, who was one of the strongest Republicans in Nebraska. Young Hayward has been in politics since he was a boy, has been chairman of the state committee, is a good speaker and a brilliant lawyer. He is a very efficient secretary of the national organization.

HELLENIC.

Items of news suitable for this department should be sent direct to the Assistant Editor, instead of being included in chapter letters.

$\Sigma\ \Pi$ has entered the University of Pennsylvania.

$A\ T\ \Omega$ grants certificates of honor to its members who excel in class-room work, oratory or debate.

$\Delta\ T$ boasts more Rhodes scholars than any other fraternity—nineteen in all up to the present time.

$A\ T\ \Omega$ has entered Oregon. The fraternities previously established there are $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, $K\ \Sigma$ and $\Sigma\ N$.

New sorority chapters: $\Gamma\ \Phi\ B$ at Idaho, $K\ K\ \Gamma$ at Kentucky, $\Pi\ \Delta\ K$ at Cincinnati, $\Sigma\ K$ at California and U. of Washington.

The executive council of $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$ have recommended that the fraternity enter Tulane, Sewanee George Washington and Pennsylvania State.

The $\Delta\ T$ *Quarterly* announces that "the triple card index of the fraternity's membership by chapters, geographically and alphabetically," is at last completed.

Under convention instructions, $\Sigma\ X$'s executive committee is working on a scheme for fraternity accounting and uniform chapter accounting and membership records.

The *Beta Theta Pi* hopes "that in the near future an effort will be made to reestablish our chapter at Harvard." The fraternities now there are $\Delta\ \Delta\ \Phi$, $\Theta\ \Delta\ X$, $\Sigma\ A\ E$ and $\Delta\ T$.

At its convention in Washington in March $\Sigma\ \Phi\ E$ amended its constitution and ritual, adopted the province system and granted a charter for a chapter at Baker University, Kansas.

Baker University, Kansas, with more than 1000 students, supports $K\ \Sigma$ and $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$. Neither of these fraternities is at the state university.— $\Sigma\ N\ Delta$. $\Sigma\ \Phi\ E$ has recently entered Baker.

The convention of $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$ will meet at Toledo June 22-24; the convention of $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$ at Saratoga, July 8-12; the convention of $K\ \Sigma$ at New York, July 13-15, the convention of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ at Niagara Falls, August 8-13.

THE SCROLL's ad. has been the means of finding the long-lost *K\ A Journal*, which is alive and kicking. No especial emphasis on the kicking, but Editor Verner M. Jones may be depended on to make his magazine's pages lively enough.

The $\Sigma\ N\ Delta$ says that in initiating the charter members of the revived chapter of $\Sigma\ N$ at Virginia Military Institute, "the regular ritual was used, with the addition of the historical recital, ceremony of the sword, ceremony of knighting and final charges."

Local fraternities at Pennsylvania State are petitioning $\Delta\ T$, $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$ and $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$ for charters. Locals at South Dakota are petitioning $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, $\Sigma\ A\ E$, $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Phi$ and $K\ A\ \Theta$. Locals at Illinois are petitioning $\Psi\ T$, $X\ \Psi$, $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$, $\Phi\ \Sigma\ K$ and $\Gamma\ \Phi\ B$. Locals at the University of Washington are petitioning $\Delta\ K\ E$, $\Sigma\ N$ and $\Delta\ T$.

The first annual banquet of the inter-fraternity council of the University of Nebraska was held on the fifth anniversary of the council on April 13 and, was attended by 350 undergraduates and alumni of that and other universities. Of the three speakers who were fraternity men one was a Phi—Prof. W. L. Stephens, *Nebraska*, '89.

Boston University with an enrollment of more than 1400 student members, has less than 70 men in her undergraduate department as against 366 women in same department. Other schools are medicine, law and theology. Fraternities are: Θ Δ X, B Θ Π and Σ A E. The latter draws her men entirely from the departments of law and theology. The first two named are confined to the college proper. Sororities: K K Γ, Γ Φ B, Δ Δ Δ, Π B Φ and Σ K.—Σ N *Delta*.

There are at least eight college fraternity clubs in New York City. The St. Anthony club of Δ Ψ is at 29 East 28th Street; the St. Elmo club of Δ Φ at 105 West 43d Street; the A Δ Φ club at 136 West 144th Street; the Θ Δ X club at 1424 Broadway; the B Θ Π club at 46 East 25th Street; the Φ Γ Δ club at 34 West 44th Street; the K Σ club at 304 West 58th Street; the Δ T Δ club at 66 West 36th Street. The last four clubs have been established within the last three years.

A puzzled correspondent of the Θ Δ X *Shield* writes: "Do we belong to the Theeta Delts or the Thayta Delts? Are the boys at Cornell from the Beeta, Bayta, or, as they say at one charge (chapter), the Bayter charge? And, what charge is Xi at Hobart? At the Boston convention it was called variously Si, Uxzi and Zi, while the boys from Psi at Hamilton were hailed as from Si, See and Puhsy. Why not prepare a pocket fraternity guide in the interests of uniformity?"

It is to laugh. Gradually but surely those fraternities that raised up their hands in holy honor when K Σ and other aggressively progressive fraternities began establishing chapters in western colleges are now doing likewise—to the best of their ability. For example, there's B Θ Π, which has just gone into Oklahoma and Oregon; and these are not the only instances where that fraternity has entered institutions which formerly it looked down upon either openly or covertly—for fraternity purposes K Σ *Caduceus*.

The fraternities at the University of Oregon are Σ N, K Σ, B Θ Π and A T Ω, the latter having entered there in February; the sororities, Γ Φ B, X Ω and K A Θ. The students number 1,000, the annual income amounts to \$150,000. The campus covers 80 acres and contains 10 buildings. The *Kappa Alpha Theta* says: "The registration for 1909-10 is about 750 in the school of liberal arts alone, as compared to barely 400 for 1907-08. The great annual increase in the population of Oregon and in the number of high schools and high school graduates promises still greater progress during the next few years."

A stormy career has attended the two "non-sectarian" fraternities of Ω Π A and Δ Σ Φ since their organization at the College of the City of New York in 1901. Nearly every chapter has suffered from dissension between Christian and Jewish members. Of the six chapters of Ω Π A, the one at Cornell died prematurely, those at Pennsylvania and Lehigh seceded and formed local organizations, while the members at Columbia were chartered by Σ N and at Lehigh by Σ Φ E. Δ Σ Φ, which combined

with its idea of race-equality a leaning towards socialism, has put up a more stubborn struggle, but now seems to be decidedly on the decline. The Christian members of the New York University chapter seceded several years ago; its chapter at Columbia never gained a foothold; those at Cornell, M. I. T. and Penn. State are said to have existed chiefly on paper; while the chapter at Washington and Lee, now with but three members, is reported on the point of death.—A *X P Garnet and White*. Quoting this, the *Beta Theta Pi* says that the M. I. T. chapter of $\Delta \Sigma \Phi$ was not a paper organization, that it contained no Jewish members and that, feeling itself entirely out of harmony with the other chapters, it withdrew from the fraternity and formed a strong local society named K Θ .

KAPPA SIGMA'S ALLEGED ANTIQUITY.

The K Σ *Caduceus* continues to publish articles about the University of Bologna, with intimations that K Σ was founded there five centuries ago. The March issue contains an article about the university in 1403, "When Bologna Taught the World," giving "A Vivid Picture of Student Life in the Days When Kappa Sigma Was Young." The frontispiece is a portrait of Baldassare Cossa, a cardinal, who when a student attended the university. Whether or not he was a Kappa Sigma is not stated, but we are promised "more of him anon." It is well to remember that K Σ has never offered the slightest proof that it was founded in Europe during the middle ages. If there is any basis for the assertion, some evidence should be furnished, some historical references cited, and some explanation made of how the fraternity was transplanted to the University of Virginia in 1869 when K Σ originated there.

The manual of K Σ throws no light on the subject. Admitting that K Σ ever existed in Europe, where are its European chapters and members now? Are they all dead, or were they all dead in 1869? Those who write about Bologna say nothing about the existence of K Σ there now or in recent centuries, and nothing about European members who were alive when K Σ made its appearance in this country. How did K Σ get here? Can the Virginia chapter produce a charter from any European source? If so when and where was it signed and who signed it? If K Σ holds such a charter the manual does not mention it, nor does any other account of the fraternity that has been published.

The absence of any evidence forces the conclusion that K Σ has none to present. The surviving founders might come forward with some sort of an explanation, but they have never enlightened a waiting world. The manual says that the origin of K Σ is shrouded in tradition and legend, like Masonry. Doubtless it is if the order was founded during mediaeval times. But it seems that the fraternity is also trying to shroud its origin in Virginia in tradition and legend. That was too recent to talk about tradition, and unless the founders, of whom several are yet living, make an explanation or somebody makes a statement for them, no one outside of K Σ will believe that it had any antecedents older than those who were students at Virginia forty years ago.

The editor of the *Caduceus* thinks that this is none of our business. Well, it is our business when K Σ seeks to derive the advantage of

prestige by its claim to be centuries older than all other college fraternities. It cannot expect its unsupported claim to rest unchallenged. The challenge has been made before, but all that K Σ has said was that it was presumption for anybody to question its assertion. Until proofs are adduced, college men will no more accept an unproven statement that K Σ was founded in Italy 500 years ago than the world accepted Dr. Cook's claim that he discovered the north pole after he had opportunity to present his proofs and failed to do so.

X Φ has long contended that it was founded in 1824, which if true, would make it older than K A, which was founded in 1825 and which is recognized as the oldest of inter-collegiate secret fraternities. Of late an order named Σ II has claimed to have been founded in 1752, which if true, would make it older than Φ B K, which was founded in 1776, and which is known as the oldest college Greek-letter society. The fraternity world has never acknowledged the claims of either X Φ or Σ II and will never acknowledge the far more extravagant claim of K Σ unless some sort of proof is exhibited.

BRICKS THROWN AT FRATERNITIES.

In 1897 the legislature of South Carolina enacted a law that forbade the existence of fraternities in institutions receiving state aid, which put an end to fraternities in South Carolina University. A similar law was enacted by the legislature of Arkansas in 1902, but it was defective and non-operative, and seven fraternities flourish at the University of Arkansas. At the recent session of the legislature of Mississippi, a similar bill passed the house of representatives and was defeated in the senate by a narrow majority, which disposes of the matter for two years at least. By action of the legislature of Wisconsin last year the fraternities at the University of Wisconsin are to be investigated by the board of regents, the report of the investigation to be made at the legislative session of 1911.

An order has been made by the regents and chancellor of the University of Kansas that fraternities shall not initiate or pledge students until they have completed the freshman year with full credit. The University of Idaho faculty has made a rule that no freshman shall belong to a fraternity or enter a fraternity house for any reason whatever. At Mississippi no student may be bid by a fraternity until he has been in the university one calendar year, except that a law student may be bid after having successfully passed the examinations at the end of his first term. At North Carolina fraternities may not pledge any student until October 1 of his Sophomore year. At Iowa Wesleyan fraternities may not pledge a student until he has begun his Sophomore year and unless he has a grade of 85. At Purdue freshmen may not be initiated before April 1. At Lehigh freshmen may not be pledged until January 1 nor initiated until February 1, and freshmen may not live in a fraternity house. At Chicago students may not be initiated until three months after matriculation. At the University of Washington a pledged man may not be initiated until he has earned at least one semester's credit. All of these restrictions on rushing have been imposed by the authorities of the various universities. At many institutions restrictions for a limited period are imposed by inter-fraternity agreements.

The board of regents of the University of Minnesota has sent a committee of faculty fraternity members to investigate the inter-fraternity council at the University of Nebraska and the results of scholarship requirements at the University of Iowa.

L. H. Severance, of Cleveland, who has made gifts to the University of Wooster, has offered it \$500,000 with which to build a dormitory and two club houses provided that fraternities and sororities shall be barred from the institution. The fraternities there are B Θ Π, Φ Γ Δ, A T Ω and Σ X.

Fraternities are barred at Princeton, Oberlin, Monmouth, Wofford and Trinity (Texas). Never before as in the last two years have fraternities received so many knocks from the heads of prominent institutions, such as the presidents of Cornell and Stanford Universities, and the Universities of Michigan, Minnesota and Missouri.

COLLEGIATE.

At Syracuse a cup has been awarded to the man who is highest in scholastic standing of all undergraduates with the 'varsity letter.—*The American College*.

The New York City alumni of Union have decided to erect on the campus a memorial gate in honor of John Howard Payne, Union, 1810, author of "Home, Sweet Home."

The first intercollegiate game of football played by Yale was on November 16, 1872, when three goals were scored against Columbia. Harvard's first intercollegiate game was played May 7, 1874, when McGill was beaten by the same score.

The word "hell" and other such "cuss" words will be omitted from all songs and yells at Missouri. The decision was made by an almost unanimous vote of the students at a mass meeting called for the purpose of revising the songs.—*The American College*.

The Harvard *Lampoon*, oldest of college funny papers, is the first undergraduate paper to occupy a building of its own. The building was recently erected at a cost of \$40,000, derived from profits on the publication for several years and the generosity of former editors.

For lack of space, we must omit in this issue news items about new buildings at colleges where Φ Δ Θ has chapters, and about recent benefactions to such institutions. Pages of THE SCROLL would be necessary to copy all of such items that appear in the annual circular letters of chapters for this year.

At Northwestern each graduating class gives something for the campus or university buildings. The gift of the class of 1910 is a clock with a two-foot dial which operates on the principle of a stop watch. It is built on a wall of the indoor field of the new gymnasium, and is large enough so that a sprinter can gauge his pace for each lap by glancing at the clock, and so that spectators may watch the time of races during indoor track meets. The breaking of the tape at the finish of a race automatically stops the clock, eliminating the usual inaccuracy of taking the time.

Two rectangular bronze tablets have been placed on either side of the portico of the Webster Memorial Hall at Dartmouth. One bears the remark of Joseph Hopkinson to Frances Brown, president of the college, immediately after the decision of the Dartmouth College case: "I would have an inscription over the door of your building. Founded

by Eleazer Wheelock. Refounded by Daniel Webster." The other inscription reads: "The alumni fund for the erection of this hall, initiated at the Webster centennial, interrupted by the burning and re-building of Dartmouth Hall, was completed by the gift of \$50,000 from Stephen Moody Crosby of the class of 1849."

The development of the University of Oklahoma has kept abreast with that of the state and today it has a faculty of sixty members, a student body of nearly 1,000, a campus of sixty acres, a large science hall, library, gymnasium, biological, anatomical, chemical, pharmaceutical, and geological laboratories, museum, and new administration and engineering buildings under construction. Besides these, a systematic plan has been adopted for the future development of the university involving the expenditure of \$250,000,000, which amount is to be raised by a special tax, aside from the regular income from annual appropriations for maintenance. According to the plan adopted, one new building is to be built each year for ten years. The university has an endowment of over \$9,000,000.—*Σ A E Record.*

An old question, the proposal to remove a portion of the medical department of the University of Michigan to Detroit, is again under discussion. Those who favor the plan say there are better clinical facilities in a large city. The question was decided once in 1858, when the regents brought in an unfavorable report. A similar fate met the renewed agitation in 1888. The matter is once more in the hands of a committee of regents, but it is reported that the medical faculty is unanimously opposed to a change of this character. It is receiving, however, strong support from certain Detroit physicians and alumni. Petitions from the medical alumni have been effective in inducing the regents to reconsider their decision to raze the old medical building. With the exception of the two wings of University Hall, and the four original professors' houses, this is the oldest building on the campus, and is practically the only one to preserve its original appearance. The rear wing, however, which was a later addition, will be destroyed. If plans of the medical alumni are carried out, the old building will be turned into a general medical library.

Toronto has opened a new commercial course, a school of forestry, and a seven-year course combining arts and medicine. A department of home economics has been established at Vermont. Columbia has opened a school of household arts. Next fall Columbia will give college instruction to wage earners in night classes at the university and also down-town in New York. Classes in chemistry and electrical science will probably be opened in Patterson and Newark, and a law class in the latter city. Hereafter Cornell medical students will study at Ithaca only one year instead of two. Two years of college work are now required for admission to the medical school at Syracuse. Courses in forestry and agriculture are to be added at Syracuse next fall. Three terms' work in college are now required for admission to the professional schools at Indiana. Three women are registered in the engineering department at Wisconsin. To the course in journalism at Wisconsin a newspaper laboratory has been added. It includes many well written news stories, special articles, and a "morgue," with advance obituaries, and cuts of prominent people yet living. Over 75 students are enrolled in the course. Michigan is preparing to have a school of journalism. One year's college work will

be required of all students who enter the law school at Michigan after 1911-12. Georgia Tech. has opened a course in architecture, and Brown will have one next year. Idaho has a new college of law and new departments of forestry, bacteriology and veterinary science. Kentucky has a new department of law, and is arranging to have a medical school. The New Orleans College of Dentistry has been absorbed by Tulane. The H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College, the woman's branch of Tulane, is to be moved from down town in New Orleans to a site recently acquired adjoining the Tulane campus. The Washington University law school and the school of fine arts have been moved from down town in St. Louis to the campus, and the dental school and the first two years of the medical school will follow soon. A correspondence course has been established at Kansas.

THE PYX.

News of interesting events, occurring after chapter letters have been forwarded, and as late as the 20th or 25th of the month preceding the month of publication, should be forwarded promptly, to appear in this department.

At the University of Illinois there are fourteen Phis in the faculty.

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The Oklahoma City alumni club in issuing invitations to the alumni day dinner asks for the names and addresses of Phis who reside in the state. We add our request that names be sent to Brother W. A. Lybrand, 210½ West Main Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Chapter reporters are urged to send at once to Brother Fred J. Coxe S. G. C. Wadesboro, N. C. the names and home addresses of their delegates and alternates to the Niagara Falls convention also the names and summer addresses of chapter reporters.

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It was calculated that the annual chapter letters and the Year Book would be completed and distributed on April 15 and the work had been pushed by the printers, the Geo. Banta Publishing Co. to the point when on March 29 there was time to spare. On that day a strike occurred in their pressroom which lasted till April 11, so that the whole intervening time was lost to the Year Book. But the work progressed from the latter date rapidly so that the distribution has taken place April

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The Washington alumni club has decided to have some form of entertainment at its smokers held monthly at the University Club. The first meeting for which a special programme was arranged was held on April 18. Prof. Milton Updegraff, *Wisconsin*, '84, astronomer in the navy, and director of *Nautical Almanac*, gave a talk on "Halley's Comet," and A. T. Leith, *Wisconsin*, '89, told of his recent travels in the Hudson Bay country. There were also musical numbers. The innovation of having such entertainment promises to attract a much increased attendance of the alumni in the national capital, and we commend the plan to alumni clubs in other cities.

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Brother Willard S. Ferris, *Williams*, '85, who, as special agent of The Connecticut Fire Insurance Company, has traveled over the Northwest for several years, has discovered a region which he considers ideal for those in search of health or recreation. It is on the

western slope of the Continental Divide in the Flathead Forest Reserve and Brother Ferris has so greatly enjoyed his outings there that he wants to let his brother This know about it. At Dupuyer, Mont., resides one R. P. Dean, who for the past eight years has been a ranger on the reserve. Mr. Dean desires, the latter part of June or first of July, to take a small party onto the reserve in search of health and rest. Those interested should communicate with Mr. R. P. Dean, Dupuyer, Mont., but Brother Ferris will be glad to answer any inquiries.

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Georgia Alpha at the University of Georgia has given up the house it has occupied for several years, on account of an increase in the rent. The chapter now occupies club rooms, but intends to live in a house again next year. Georgia Beta at Emory is the only chapter in the state which now occupies a house. It has this year spent considerable in furnishings, paid a part of the debt on its house and expects to liquidate the remainder by commencement. It is the only chapter at Emory which owns or occupies a house, but several fraternities there will probably build soon. An agitation in Georgia Gamma last fall for securing a house came to nothing, owing to a rule at Mercer which prohibits a fraternity from occupying a house. The chapter has recently improved the rooms which it uses. Georgia Delta did not rent a house this year, because of increased rent, and because it planned to acquire a house of its own. It now has a hall in a business block in Atlanta but hopes to secure a house in the near future.

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The brilliant series of sketches of American universities by Edwin E. Slossen, Ph. D., one of the editors of *The Independent*, published in that weekly, closed with a sketch of Columbia on February 3, and a general review on March 3. In the Columbia article he writes of two Phis. Referring to Prof. F. A. Goetz, *Columbia*, '95, dean of the schools of applied science at Columbia, Dr. Slossen says: "Dean Goetze is an expansionist, and has his eye on two additional fields of applied science, agriculture and forestry." Referring to Prof. L. H. Bailey, *Lansing*, '82, director of the college of agriculture at Cornell, Dr. Slossen says: "Cornell has dropped forestry, so Columbia has an opportunity to make itself useful in state forestry reserves, now being extended. But agriculture in Cornell will be hard to beat so long as it has at the head of the department a man of such initiative as Professor Bailey." *The Independent* announces that Dr. Slossen's series of university sketches will be published in book form next fall. The book will contain sketches of fourteen universities: Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Princeton, Johns Hopkins, Leland Stanford, and the Universities of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Chicago, Wisconsin, Minnesota and California.

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The index of this volume of THE SCROLL will be issued with the June number of *The Palladium*, and we hope that each chapter will bind the volume for its library. We urge upon chapters, as we have urged on them before, the importance of making as complete collections as possible of previous volumes of the two magazines, and having them bound, in order to preserve the history of the Fraternity and the chapters.

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